

Understanding the New Amended California Law on Social Recreation Services



Training Goals

- ▶ Overview of the New Law
- ▶ Key Changes in the Law
- ▶ Restriction No Longer Allowed (New Accessibility for Social Recreation Services)
- ▶ Regional Center Social Recreation Policy
- ▶ Legislative Intent and Goals
- ▶ How to Identify Needs and its Benefits of Social Rec
- ▶ Provide a Brief Understanding of Participant Directed Services
- ▶ Provide an Overview of the Appeals and Resolution Process

Key Changes in the Law

- ▶ Regional Centers to place a high priority on promoting full inclusion and independence through access of social recreation services.
- ▶ Regional Centers will make social recreation services widely available to individuals served.
- ▶ Regional Centers will increase access to individuals served to participate in an array of social recreation services, so that they may lead the lives that they want in the community.

Key Changes in the Law (cont.)

- ▶ Regional Centers to develop a Purchase of Service Policy and Procedures to decrease barriers in accessing social recreation services.
- ▶ Regional Centers to expedite and reduce administrative barriers to the utilization of social recreational services.
- ▶ Regional Centers will create an easier payment method for social recreation services through Participant-Directed Services.

A group of diverse children, including a girl with pigtails in the foreground, are smiling and looking up towards the camera. The image is partially obscured by the text on the right.

Significant Dates

- ▶ By October 1, 2024- Regional Centers will have at least one point of Contact regarding access to social recreation services.
- ▶ By January 1, 2025- Regional Centers shall adopt procedures aimed at increasing the availability of providers and expediting vendorizations for social recreation accordingly.
- ▶ By March 1, 2025- Regional Center staff will provide access on the RC website all training curriculum or materials, along the dates of training provided to RC staff.

Choose the correct statement?

A. Regional Center can limit access to social recreation.

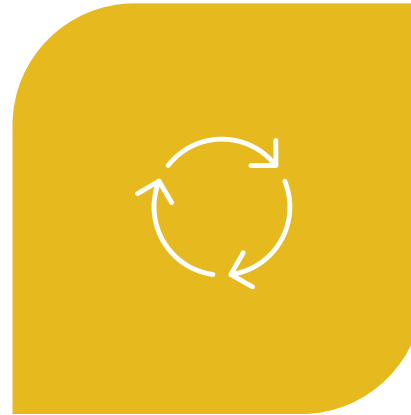
B. Regional Centers can request families to rely on generic resources.

C. Regional Centers will make social recreation services widely available to individuals served.

Effective July 1, 2023, a Regional Center shall not require an individual or family member to do any of the following



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Legislative Intent and Goals

- ▶ Prioritize inclusion through recreation.
- ▶ Make services widely available.
- ▶ Increase access for children, underserved communities, and those who cannot afford services upfront.
- ▶ Reduce administrative barriers to the utilization of these services by consumers to the fullest possible extent.

Select three actions that Regional Centers are no longer allowed to do?



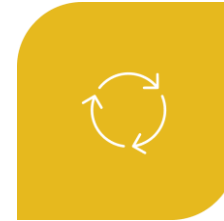
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Social Rec Policy

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WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

Section 4688.22

4688.22. (a) The Legislature finds and declares both of the following:

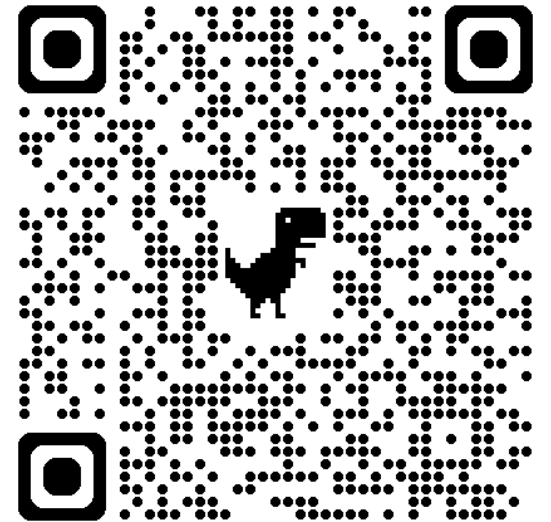
(1) The Legislature places a high priority on promoting the full inclusion and independence of individuals with developmental disabilities, including through opportunities for recreation, consistent with Section 4501 and paragraphs (6) and (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 4502.

(2) As such, it is the intent of the Legislature for social recreation services, camping services, and nonmedical therapies, including, but not limited to, specialized recreation, art, dance, and music, to be among the services and supports within the meaning of subdivision (b) of Section 4512 and be made widely available to consumers, not only for socialization, but to lead the lives that they want in the community. It is further the intent of the Legislature that regional centers, when developing purchase-of-service policies and related procedures, and that the department, when reviewing regional center purchase-of-service policies and related procedures, reduce administrative barriers to the utilization of these services by consumers to the fullest possible extent.

(b) The regional centers shall use the following principles when purchasing social recreation services, camping services, and nonmedical therapies:

(1) Consumers shall receive services and supports in settings that are typical of those in which persons without disabilities engage in social recreation, camping, or nonmedical therapies.

[Link WIC 4688.22](#)



Who will be providing the legislature information on the status of implementation?

The benefits of social recreation Services for individuals with developmental disabilities

- ▶ **Social Skills Development**
- ▶ **Create diverse circles of Friendships**
- ▶ **Sense of Belonging**
- ▶ **Improve Physical and Mental Health**
- ▶ **Enhanced Self Esteem**
- ▶ **Physical Activity Benefits**
- ▶ **Cognitive Stimulation**
- ▶ **Expand on the circles of support**

How to identify Soc/Rec needs for individuals served?

- Inquire about the area of interest, abilities, preferred social settings, desired level of interaction, communication methods, & accessibility needs. You can obtain this information from the individual served, family, care giver, or support staff.
- Explore the individual's preference by asking what activities do they enjoy doing in their leisure time.
- Review if the individual prefers individual or group activities.
- What type of social interactions do they seek? casual, structured, or competitive

How to identify Soc/Rec needs for individuals served?

- Any concerns about physical abilities and inquire if adaptive equipment is required for participation
- Explore about the individuals comfort level with interacting with others and if support is necessary in initiating a conversation or maintaining a relationship.
- Does the individual want to participate in activities within their local community? Or have something else in mind
- Are there accessible community programs or organizations that could be a good fit?

Thank you for joining the social recreational training
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on social recreation services.