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July 31, 2015



ACTION ALERT!

**The developmental disabilities community and the Special Session
- a roundtable forum -**

**Wednesday, August 5th
11am-1:00pm**

**Lanterman Regional Center, 3303 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles
7th floor - see receptionist**

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) and Lanterman Regional Center, along with San Gabriel/Pomona, Eastern Los Angeles, North Los Angeles County, Harbor, Westside, and South Central Los Angeles Regional Centers, would like to invite you to join them at Lanterman Regional Center for a community roundtable. **This event is meant to inform legislators about the crises the developmental service system** and their constituents face, and the options available in the Special Session (X2). **Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from the community!**



The event will be done as a roundtable discussion featuring select community members. You'll hear first-hand from people with developmental disabilities, their families, service providers, and regional centers. They will share personal stories and data about the challenges that years of underfunding have placed on them.

The regional centers provide intake and eligibility assessments to, and are coordinating services for, over 280,000 individuals and their families, and contract with tens of thousands of local businesses that specialize in serving the needs of people with developmental delays and disabilities.

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) represents the network of 21 non-profit regional centers that coordinate services for, and advocate on behalf of, California's over 280,000 people with developmental disabilities.

To RSVP, or for more information, please contact:

Daniel Savino at the ARCA office; 916-446-7961.

Confirmed guests as of July 30 include: Sen. Jim Beall (D-15).



More than 170 homes have closed and many providers were waiting to see what relief the revised budget offered but in fact there is none. Sixty-four of my colleagues have urged the Governor to adopt a 10 percent increase for provider rates and also for the regional centers to keep the system from collapsing. But their voices, along with every Californian whose right to live an independent life is guaranteed by the Lanterman Act, were ignored today.

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