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ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL CENTER AGENCIES FACT SHEET

The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is a trade association representing California's 21 regional centers. Regional centers are non-profit corporations contracting with the Department of Developmental Services to provide services to approximately 200,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. This partnership results in the expenditure and monitoring of more than two billion state and federal dollars for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

ARCA advocates and promotes action, legislation and public policy on all matters affecting the well being of persons with developmental disabilities and the prevention of developmental disabilities. ARCA fully supports the purpose, intent and mandate of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

ARCA facilitates communication among members, conducts research and analysis of issues related to California's developmental disabilities service system and provides public information about developmental disabilities and regional centers to the state and federal administrations, the state Legislature, Congress, state and national advocacy providers, and various consumer groups.

ARCA is governed by a board of directors, made up of one regional center board member from each regional center's board of directors and the regional center's executive director. The Association has ten standing committees, including finance, contract negotiating, strategic planning, legislative and others to fulfill ARCA's responsibilities.