



The American Rescue Plan for California's IDD Community *One-Time Proposals to Enhance, Expand, and Strengthen Services and Supports*

The federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) offers desperately needed relief to California's intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) community. In addition to an estimated \$600 million in enhanced federal funding for developmental services, the ARP includes support for housing, education, workforce development, and transportation programs. The Lanterman Coalition urges Governor Newsom and the Legislature to prioritize the needs of people with IDD in the use of these funds through the following one-time investments.

Recognize and Support the Heroes (\$150 M)

- Provide a one-time incentive/bonus pay for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) providing in-person services during COVID- 19 (\$122.5 M)
- Fund mental and behavioral health supports for DSPs coping with stressors associated with the public health emergency (\$12.5 M)
- Begin stabilizing the DSP workforce with more equitable wages by increasing provider rates 3.33% in response to the January 1, 2022 state minimum wage increase (\$15 M)

Increase Housing Options (\$150 M)

- Establish a one-time fund dedicated to the development of affordable housing units for people with IDD, also improving access to additional housing bond funds (\$150 M)

Improve Service Access and Equity (\$100 M)

- Successfully launch the Community Navigators Program at Family Resource Centers (\$16 M)
- Study the adequacy of safety net services for the needs of people living in the community (e.g., crisis and law enforcement interactions) (\$1 M)
- Expand demonstration projects reducing caseloads at regional centers for non-English speaking individuals to assess the impact of additional support on individual outcomes (\$6 M)
- Develop a transparent electronic case management interface system for service recipients to improve equity of access to information (\$3 M)
- Increase competitive integrated employment and internship program incentives to support community employment, including in areas with low Healthy Places Index scores (\$9 M)
- Fund a statewide outreach and education media campaign to stimulate referrals to the Early Start program (\$1 M)
- Support transition for Early Start children who turned three during the pandemic (\$30 M)
- Assist Early Start families and children post-COVID with improved sanitation, additional program supplies, technology, flexible schedules, and emotional support (\$25 M)
- Train and support community health care providers to improve equity of access and quality of services provided to people with IDD (\$9 M)

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Invest in the Future (\$250 M)

- Achieve federal Person-Centered Planning expectations by funding comprehensive person-centered plans for 10,500 individuals, including the 5,000+ proposed in the Senate to transition from subminimum wage employment (\$26 M)
- Develop new services to meet needs identified in person-centered plans (\$21 M)
- Augment Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Compliance Grant funding to support the state's transition to HCBS-compliant programs (e.g., vehicle modifications) ahead of the federal deadline (\$25 M)
- Invest in alternative employment pathways for the proposed transition of individuals currently earning subminimum wage into equivalent opportunities aligned with their aspirations (\$75 M)
- Retain consultants to develop an outcomes-based and performance-based funding system for developmental services (\$3 M)
- Develop training and certification program for DSPs to support professionalization of the workforce and enhance service outcomes (\$3 M)
- Invest in technology and remote monitoring and pilot the use of these supports to enhance independence for people living in their own homes (\$2 M)
- Modernize the regional center accounting infrastructure to increase stability, track systems outcomes, and improve data analytic capabilities (\$40 M)
- During program expansion, provide greater levels of service coordination to support individuals' transition into the Self-Determination Program (\$15 M)
- In alignment with California's electric vehicle (EV) goal, purchase new EVs to support community integration, minimize exposure and congregation, and enhance individual choice (\$40 M)

These proposals for one-time funding will not address the long-term challenges caused by systemic underfunding of developmental services. The Lanterman Coalition urges the state to alleviate the shortfall identified in the rate study through a comprehensive approach to system reform in the annual Budget process. We commit to advocating for successful passage of the infrastructure bill now debated in Washington, and continued inclusion of HCBS funding in that proposal, to maximize available state resources. We value our partnership with the Administration and the Legislature in supporting nearly 360,000 Californians with IDD.

For more information about this proposal, please contact Jordan Lindsey, Lanterman Coalition Chair, through the phone number below or at Jordan@TheArcCA.org.

The Lanterman Coalition consists of the major stakeholders in California's community based developmental services system. Membership in the coalition requires a commitment to (1) the Preservation of the Lanterman Act and the entitlement [A], (2) no categorical elimination of services, (3) no enrollment caps or waiting lists, (4) no reductions to services and supports important to people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their families and (5) full support of the community imperative [B] and the Olmstead decision.

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