



## Supporting Our Communities

California's Lanterman Act was developed with two primary goals in mind for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. First, there was an interest in keeping families together and meeting the needs of the family unit related to the individual's disability. Second, a long-standing focus has been supporting people with disabilities to actively participate as active members of their communities. Recent events have left some people worried about how they can stay together with their families and continue accessing their communities.

Regional centers remain committed to supporting ALL Californians who are eligible for their services. [Protecting individual privacy](#) is a central promise regional centers have made and kept to those they serve. Only the information needed to meet people's person-centered needs is collected.

As the [recent community message](#) from the Department of Developmental Services explained, if you or your family member have changing service needs, please reach out to your service coordinator. They can help you meet your urgent needs and explore ways many of your services should change, including being provided remotely if that is your preference.

Regional center staff have the honor of walking along people they serve in good times and bad. Do not hesitate to reach out to them. They are there to support you during this uncertain time.