San Andreas Regional Center

fulfills a vision of leadership within the community for individuals with developmental disabilities by promoting self determination and independence through service, advocacy, respect and choice.

Persons with developmental disabilities are entitled to the same rights and protections as any other person under the laws of California and the Constitution of the United States. San Andreas is committed to ensuring and protecting those civil, legal and service rights to which our consumers are entitled.
Who Are We?
San Andreas Regional Center is a private, nonprofit corporation with offices located in Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties. San Andreas is one of twenty-one regional centers funded by the State of California to serve people with developmental disabilities and their families. The regional center system and eligibility process is defined in the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act.

What Do We Provide?
San Andreas provides individualized planning and service coordination to assist consumers and their families in accessing services and supports best suited to their needs. Regional Center staff can provide information and referral on a wide variety of public programs and services. San Andreas utilizes agency resources in the community as well as resources funded by the regional center. These programs include, but not limited to, early intervention services for infants and toddlers, respite for parents and caregivers, day care for children, day activity programs for adults, and residential living options for individuals of all ages.

What Is The Process?
To apply for regional center services, call, write, or visit one of our offices. There is no charge for diagnosis and assessment. An initial meeting will be scheduled to gather all information. Staff will review and complete further assessment if necessary. You will be included in the determination of eligibility meeting. If eligible, staff will develop an Individual Program Plan (IPP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) which defines the individual’s needs, services and supports. Parents of minors may have a share of cost for services.

What Is Early Start?
Early Start is the provision of early intervention services designed for infants from birth through two years of age who have disabilities or who are at risk of having disabilities. Individuals who are at risk of having a child with developmental disability may be eligible for genetic diagnosis and counseling.

Who Is Eligible?
To be eligible for services provided by San Andreas Regional Center, individuals must have a developmental disability as defined in California Law. The disability must begin before the 18th birthday, be expected to continue indefinitely, and constitute a substantial disability for the person. The disability must also be due to one of the following five conditions:

- **Mental Retardation**: Significant deficits in general intellectual functioning (generally an IQ of 70 or below) and significant deficits in adaptive functioning.
- **Cerebral Palsy**: A neurological condition occurring from birth or early infancy resulting in an inability to voluntarily control muscular activity, and resulting in significant deficits in motor adaptive functioning and/or cognitive abilities.
- **Epilepsy**: A disorder of the central nervous system in which the major symptoms are seizures.
- **Autism**: A syndrome characterized by impairment in social interaction (withdrawal, failure to engage in interaction with peers or adults), delays in both verbal and nonverbal communication skills, deficits in cognitive skills, and impairment in the ability to engage in make-believe play. Individuals may engage in repetitive activities or a limited repertoire of activities.
- **Fifth Condition**: A disabling condition found to be closely related to mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for persons with mental retardation, but shall not include other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.