

**ALAMEDA COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT  
April 2023**

**Meeting Schedule**

**April Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council meeting:** The next board meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 12:00pm via Zoom. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91770427600?pwd=VWF4bVRjZno2UXhtcXZYeTBKeWFpQT09>

Meeting ID: 917 7042 7600

Passcode: 751351

**Racial Equity Steering Committee:** Our next Racial Equity Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 4:30pm. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95175786904?pwd=R1VIMGY2dkk1bjBZWnFCK2pwK0tMUT09>

Meeting ID: 951 7578 6904

Passcode: 988136

- **RESC Allies of Black Provider & Consumers Workgroup:** This workgroup was established to work on specific projects to improve access and services for black providers and consumers within the IDD system. The next meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 2pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85771272898?pwd=a0FaSy80eGtvMWJITSt3cVg3SEqxZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 7127 2898

Passcode: 314529

- **RESC AAPI Workgroup:** The Racial Equity Steering Committee was established to work on specific projects to improve access and services for AAPI providers and consumers within the IDD system. The next meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 11am.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82012795498?pwd=TENpSUF4cmN5TWtJNUtxb3cyYkxuUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 1279 5498

Passcode: 338750

**Transition Planning Team:** Our next Transition Planning Team meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30PM – 3:30PM

**Health and Wellness Committee:** Our next Health and Wellness Committee meeting is TBD. All are welcome!

**Committee on Aging:** The Committee on Aging is a joint committee with Contra Costa County's DD Council. The next meeting is TBD. All are welcome! Please email Marianne Iversen

[Marianne@dscba.org](mailto:Marianne@dscba.org) for more information.

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**East Bay Legislative Coalition on Developmental Disabilities:** Our next EBLC Meeting is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am – 12pm. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://cchealth.zoom.us/j/91070076056?pwd=NGp6Q0c4TnByNzd2SndlYTRNU0lxZz09>

Meeting ID: 910 7007 6056

Passcode: 718088

**DDC Executive Committee:** Our next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 2:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99520068595?pwd=SmtOdDI6SIzZVWVlVnM2SitFSFZPUT09>

Meeting ID: 995 2006 8595

Passcode: 963075

**Autism Star Conference Planning Team:** Our next Autism Star Conference Planning Team meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am-11am.

**Membership Committee:** Our next Membership Committee meeting is TBD.

**HireAble:** The next HireAble meeting will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 4:30 pm.

**RCEB Board Meeting:** The next RCEB Board meeting is on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9pm. Zoom details can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

**RCEB Diversity & Equity Committee:** The next RCEB Diversity & Equity Committee is on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5pm-7:30pm. Zoom details can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

**RCEB Provider/Vendor Advisory Council:** The next RCEB PVAC meeting will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-11:30am. Zoom details found on the [RCEB Website](#)

**SCDD/RCEB Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee:** The next Self-Determination meeting can be found on the [RCEB website](#).

**State Council on Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Committee Meeting:** The next Bay Area SCDD RAC can be found on the [SCDD website](#).

**DDC Membership:** Board membership requirements include living or working in Alameda County, having a serious interest in the developmental disabilities system and a commitment to attend meetings. Board members are also encouraged to share in the committee work of the Council. The Membership Committee encourages interested applicants to attend two or three meetings prior to application. Board applications can be found on the website.

No endorsement should be implied by Alameda County Public Health or the Developmental Disabilities Council by the inclusion of conferences, news or editorial links.

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## Resources

- ◆ **Highland/Eastmont Teledentistry program:** The Office of Dental Health has a teledentistry program for children and adults with IDD. Video visits and initial assessments can be conducted virtually in the home. Eligibility is for those 1) on Medi-Cal; 2) Smartphone with a camera. To schedule an appointment or find out more contact Shawanna Emerson at (510) 567-5771, or [semerson@alamedahealthsystem.org](mailto:semerson@alamedahealthsystem.org)
- ◆ **Stephen Beard of Keller Williams Realty Oakland/Berkeley hosts recurring FREE seminars on Accessible Home Ownership all over the Bay Area.** These seminars are designed specifically to address the real estate needs and concerns of people with disabilities and their families. Information is available directly from Stephen's website: [www.accessiblehomesforyou.com](http://www.accessiblehomesforyou.com) or by calling (510) 364-6795.
- ◆ **Stephen Beard hosts a weekly podcast, Accessible Housing Matters on accessible housing.** His podcast is designed to raise awareness about all matters in the intersection of housing and accessibility. The podcast covers a wide range of topics and each week features experts and/or self-advocates in the community that share their expertise and experience. To find out more visit: <https://accessiblehousingmatters.com/>
- ◆ **Marty Omoto's CDCAN Reports:** [www.cdcan.us](http://www.cdcan.us)
- ◆ **Assistive Technology Network** – If you need help finding assistive technology, the AT Network is the place to contact. Website: [www.ATNET.org](http://www.ATNET.org) or (800) 390-2699.
- ◆ **FCSN Schedule of Family Support Gatherings:**  
Contact: FCSN East Bay program coordinator, 2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont [www.fcsn1996.org](http://www.fcsn1996.org)
- ◆ **Medical Baseline Program | [Apply Here](#)**  
The Medical Baseline Program (also known as Medical Baseline Allowance) is for residential PG&E customers that rely on power for medical and independent living needs. Eligible PG&E customers may benefit from lower monthly energy bills and receiving extra notifications in a Public Safety Power Shutoff event. For more information, please [click this link](#).
- ◆ **PG&E Address Alerts | [Sign-up now](#)**  
PG&E now offers address alerts to non-account holders who want to know about Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that may impact homes, work, schools or other important locations. Sign-up and stay informed about clients, consumers, or friends and loved ones by receiving alerts during the event of a PSPS shutoff.
- ◆ **PG&E Wildfire Webinars | [Register Here](#)**  
PG&E hosts wildfire safety webinars for community members interested in learning about the Community Wildfire Safety Program. Community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about wildfire safety and emergency preparedness, virtually meet with PG&E representatives, and ask questions and share feedback. For upcoming dates and past webinars, please [click here](#).
- ◆ **Georgia Tech - COVID-19 Accessible Resources for People with Disabilities Microsite**  
Georgia Tech's Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation created a microsite of COVID-19 accessible resources for people with disabilities. For short and simple COVID-19 videos, [click here](#). For ASL resources, [click here](#). For accessible PDF and Word document, [click here](#). For webinar

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and training archives, [click here](#). For additional resources including project articles and publications, [click here](#).

- ◆ **Student Accessibility Services at Laney and Merritt College |**  
**Laney Phone: (510) 464-3428 or email: [sas.laney@peralta.edu](mailto:sas.laney@peralta.edu)**  
**Merritt Phone: 1-510-436-2429 or website: <https://www.merritt.edu/wp/dsp/contact-list/>**  
SAS provides academic accommodations for students with disabilities or certain medical diagnoses. Some services we provide include the following: Exam Accommodations, Alternate Media, ASL Interpreter, Services, Tutoring, Specialized counseling, Priority Registration, and Access to High Tech Center. Merritt is offering BASIC EMPLOYABILITY CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION if an individual completes 3 courses.

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## Upcoming Events

◆ **DHTI Fast Track Respite Training | [Apply Now](#)**

This 10-hour online self-study course is for Asian language speakers to learn how to work and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The training will cover basic training on respite care for people with disabilities and provide coaching and employment assistance. Flyers are attached in English, Chinese, & Vietnamese.

◆ **REACH Housing Opportunities | [Apply Now](#)**

REACH's waitlist for housing opportunities is open. They have a variety of properties in the Tri-Valley Area. To be eligible for residency, tenants must be a client of the Regional Center and either live in the Tri-Valley or have family members who live in the Tri-Valley

◆ **LGBTQ+ Thrive with Pride Webinar Series | 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4-5 pm | [Register Here](#)**

Monthly virtual education series designed to help the LGBTQ+ community learn about brain health, Alzheimer's, and living the best life possible. Attend all sessions or only those of interest.

◆ **Very Special Family Camp | [Register Here](#)**

The City of Berkeley is offering a Very Special Family Camp Weekend catered to families that have loved ones with special needs or disabilities. This program will be held at Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, near Yosemite National Park, on June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Priority registration for a Very Special Family Camp Weekend is February 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>.

◆ **Project Search Stoneridge Creek | For information on how to apply, please contact Curtis John at [john@eastbayinnovations.org](mailto:john@eastbayinnovations.org) or (510)618-1580 x15**

Project SEARCH is a one-year program that provides education and on-site training to prepare individuals with disabilities to be work ready. Interns participating in Project SEARCH report each day to the host business, learn employability skills in the classroom, and job skills while participating in three paid internships during the year. Project Search Stoneridge Creek is located in Pleasanton, Interns will develop skills in customer service, dining and human services working in the following areas: Food Prep and plating, Dining set-up, Preparing Menus, Building Maintenance, Laundry attendant, and Custodian. Applicants must be at least 22 years of age by the specific program start date OR 18 years of age if graduated with a high school diploma. Must have an active case with the Regional Center of the East Bay. Be able to utilize public transportation and be able to meet the health background and code of conduct criteria required by the business site.

◆ **FCSN's 9th Annual Special Needs Talent Showcase | Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6pm | [Register Here](#)**

Come celebrate and be amazed at the incredible talents and abilities of our special needs performers as they compete for the top 3 winner spots, the People's Choice Award and Showmanship Award. Our judges will also be judging the performances in-person at the event. There will also be LIVE streaming online for virtual ticket holders. You don't want to miss this spectacular show.

◆ **National Public Health Week Webinar Series| April 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> | see attached flyer**

Alameda County's Public Health Department is proud to announce this year's Public Health Week's Webinar Series, which begins Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They have an exciting line-up of talks

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planned. This webinar series is open to ALL. More information on each webinar can be found on the attached flyer.

◆ **What Comes Next: Educating Students, Teachers and Families on the Value of Work | May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00pm | [Register Here](#)**

Learn about employment resources in your community and be able to meet representatives from local employment organizations to learn what services are available for you. Educate yourself on benefits planning; learn how wages may impact your SSI or SSDI and learn about work incentives. Meet individuals with disabilities who are successfully working in the community and hear their stories

The following meetings will be in Spanish:

◆ **Autism, Services and Support|** Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023(Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Registration Link](#)

**Autismo, Servicios y Apoyos |** Martes, 11 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Enlace de registro](#)

◆ **Monthly Orientation|** – Regional Center Services and Generic Resources | Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Zoom Link](#)

**Orientación mensual sobre Servicios del Centro Regional y Recursos Genéricos|** - Servicios del centro regional y recursos genéricos | Martes, 18 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | [Haga clic aquí para unirse](#)

◆ **Together Creating Awareness about Autism |** Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Registration Link](#)

**Unidos Creando Conciencia sobre el Autismo|** Jueves, 20 de abril de 2023 (Zoom), 10:00 am – 12:00pm | [Enlace de registro](#)