

*Our values are guided by our commitment to serve our clients and all who serve them*

#### Client First

- Respect client's rights and choices
- Treat clients with dignity and respect
- Act in good faith and in the client's best interest
- Promote personal empowerment

### What is Kern Regional Center

Kern Regional Center (KRC) is 1 of 21 private non-profit organizations under contract with the California department of developmental services. The regional center provides diagnostic evaluation to establish eligibility for services, case management, and service coordination for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. The regional center system was created by the landmark entitlement legislation called "The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act" or "Lanterman Act". Kern Regional Center is governed by the Board of Directors who are all members of the community including people with disabilities, parents of individuals with developmental disabilities, professionals, and community representatives. KRC has supported consumers and their families in Kern, Inyo, and Mono counties for more than 45 years.

### Who is eligible for Kern Regional Center Services?

Any person residing in Kern, Inyo, and Mono Counties who has been diagnosed with a developmental disability regardless of income, is eligible to receive regional center services.

### What is a developmental disability?

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, section 54000, defines a developmental disability as attributable to at least one of the following:

- Intellectual disability
- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy
- Autism
- A condition like intellectual disability requiring similar treatment

The disability must also meet three (3) criteria:

- Originate before the age of 18 years
- Can be expected to continue indefinitely
- Constitute a substantial disability in at least three (3) different domains.

The disability shall not include disabling conditions that are solely:

- Psychiatric disorders
- Learning disabilities
- Physical in nature

### Are there fees for Regional Center services?

DDS shall assess a monthly fee to parents of children under 18 years of age who are receiving 24 hour out-of-home care services through a regional center or as resident of a state hospital when the family's gross income is above 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Regional Centers are required to assess an individual family program fee, from parents whose adjusted gross income is at or above 400 percent of the federal poverty level based upon family size and who have a child to whom all of the following apply:

- The child has a developmental disability or is eligible for services under California Early Intervention Services Act [Title 14 (commencing with Section 9500) of the Government Code].
- The child is less than 18 years of age.
- The child lives with his or her parents
- The child or family receives services beyond eligibility determination, needs assessment, and service coordination.
- The child does not receive services through the Medi-Cal program.
- Has been suspended through June 30, 2023.



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## What services can Kern Regional Center provide?

Kern regional center's purpose is to help individuals with developmental disabilities live an independent life. To meet this goal, an individual Program Plan (IPP) is developed by the individual, the service coordinator and the circle of supports Kern Regional Center directly provides:

- Diagnosis & Evaluation
- Case Management
- Community outreach & education
- Community Resource Development
- Program Evaluation & Quality Assurance

Kern Regional Center may, according to the individual need, help purchase:

- Early Intervention Services
- Employment Programs
- Family respite Services
- Residential Placement Services
- Transportation to day programs
- Other services related to the IPP

Kern Regional Center may not fund for anything that is the responsibility of another agency.

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