

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL CENTER AGENCIES

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The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) represents 21 regional centers in California that provide services to more than 200,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. Regional centers are non-profit organizations that contract with the state Department of Developmental Services for provision of services such as information and referral, assessment and diagnosis, placement and monitoring of out of home care, training of individuals and families and many other services. The term developmental disability refers to a severe and chronic disability that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment. The disability must begin before the 18th birthday and be expected to continue indefinitely and present a substantial disability. If a child with hearing loss also has an accompanying developmental disability, this child would qualify for these services.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

1600 Ninth Street
P. O. Box 944202
Sacramento, CA 94244
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Website: www.dds.ca.gov

The California Department of Developmental Services is the agency through which the State of California provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. Services are provided through state-operated developmental centers and community facilities, and contracts with 21 nonprofit regional centers. Regional centers provide diagnosis and assessment of eligibility and help plan, access, coordinate and monitor the services and supports that are needed because of a developmental disability. There is no charge for the diagnosis and eligibility assessment.

INDEPENDENTLY MERGING PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS OF CALIFORNIA (IMPACT)

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Fremont, CA 94555
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IMPACT is a California statewide, all-volunteer, non-profit organization of parents, teachers and professionals serving deaf and hard of hearing children. This organization was established in 1986 by 12 parents. IMPACT has a current membership of over 400 and is supported and encouraged by a host of organizations that serve the deaf community.

BRIDGMAN GROUP HOME

San Diego Youth Services
3255 Wing Street
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 651-8470 Staff phone for deaf/hearing callers
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Website: www.sdyouthservices.org click on services to see BGH

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San Diego Youth Services' Bridgman Group Home is a level 12 specialized group home for at-risk deaf and hard of hearing youth. The 24-hour residential program provides a culturally affirmative environment in a beautiful home-like setting for youth ages 12 to 18. A team of highly trained professionals, fluent in American Sign Language, provide care and supervision to youth, in addition to mental health services. Care is provided to empower deaf and hard of hearing youth to develop communication skills and healthy coping methods that can reduce linguistic barriers and enhance emotional/psychological growth. The mission of the Bridgman Group Home is to provide youth with a stable and nurturing living environment that will prepare them for successful transition back to their family or another appropriate setting.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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Support for Families of Children with Disabilities (SFCD) is a parent-run, San Francisco-based, nonprofit organization founded in 1982 that supports families of children with any type of disability or special health care need to ensure that these families have the knowledge and assistance they need to make informed choices that support their child's health, education and development. This organization provides peer support to families, as well as, information and education to families, professionals and the community at large. The deaf and hard of hearing support group, which meets once per month, is a collaborative effort between SFCD and the University of California at San Francisco's (UCSF) Center on Deafness.