

Governor's Budget FY 1979-80

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

The Department of Developmental Services administers the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act. The intent of this Act is to assure coordination of services to persons with developmental disabilities; to assure that such services are planned and provided as part of a continuum which is sufficiently complete to meet the needs of those who are developmentally disabled at each stage of their lives, regardless of their ages or the degree of their handicaps; and, to the extent possible, accomplish these objectives without dislocating persons with developmental disabilities from their home communities.

The Department strives to respond to the needs of the developmentally disabled by:

- I. Reducing their degree of dependency.
- II. Maintaining high quality health and welfare.
- III. Increasing their ability to control individual environment.
- IV. Increasing the normalcy of their behavior.
- V. Maximizing their human potential.

In addition, major objectives of the developmental disabilities program include reducing the incidence of developmental disabilities and assuring that the mandates of the Lanterman Developmental Services Act are implemented uniformly progressively and on an equitable basis.

During Fiscal Year 1979-80, the Department will continue to strengthen its program activities so that appropriate services may be provided to California residents with special developmental needs which require care, treatment, development, or maintenance. It is estimated that there are approximately 294,000 persons in California with developmental disabilities. Included in this population are approximately 206,000 persons who are primarily mentally retarded, 25,000 who primarily have cerebral palsy, 61,000 who are primarily epileptic, and 2,000 who are primarily autistic.

Services administered by or under the direction of the Department include prevention of developmental disabilities through community education and consultation; early intervention and crisis response; 24-hour community or state hospital placement in care, treatment and developmental facilities; day care; restorative and rehabilitative services; and continuing case management and support.

Emphasis is placed on program outreach services to those persons who, because of geographical isolation, ethnic background, financial restrictions, or other similar causes, have not had ready access to traditional developmental services.

The Department sets broad policy for the delivery of developmental services statewide; establishes priorities, standards, and procedures within which the Developmental Services Program operates; monitors, reviews, and evaluates the actual operation of the services; and oversees the correction of faulty procedures and practices brought to light by the evaluation and review process. Services are delivered directly through nine state hospitals and continuing care support services, and indirectly through a statewide network of 21 private, nonprofit, locally based community agencies.

The Department of Developmental Services provides care, treatment, and development to the developmentally disabled through the following operations:

Regional centers that (1) counsel clients, parents, or guardians and (2) assess, diagnose, refer for services, and place developmentally disabled citizens in appropriate private or public living arrangements.

Continuing care services which provide protective living services to persons at the request of regional centers.

State hospitals that provide state-managed care, treatment, and development at the request of regional centers or by court commitment.

Administrative services which (1) provide centralized management and support for regional centers, state hospitals, and continuing care offices and (2) plans, develops, operates, and evaluates services for the developmentally disabled in compliance with the Lanterman Developmental Services Act and other appropriate codes in California.

Authority

- Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 4, 6, and 7
- Health and Safety Code, Division 25

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
I. Community Services Program	-	\$141,321,322	\$151,819,782
II. Hospital Services Program	-	341,596,115	344,475,361
III. Planning and Evaluation Program	-	873,970	2,343,934
IV. Legislative Mandates	-	123,438	123,438
V. Administration	-	(5,726,299)	(5,688,977)
Totals, Programs	-	\$483,914,845	\$498,762,515
Reimbursements	-	-115,129,923	-115,887,398
Net Totals, Programs.....	-	\$368,784,922	\$382,875,117
General Fund	-	365,665,234	380,490,522
Development Disabilities Program Development Fund	-	1,620,400	1,620,400
Federal funds ¹	-	1,499,288	764,195
Personnel years.....	-	15,651.3	15,236.2

SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM CHANGES

Planning and Evaluation Program

The Department will place greater emphasis on planning and evaluation efforts to increase the effectiveness of existing programs, develop programmatic alternatives and to meet state (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4750, et al.) and federal (Public Law 94-103) requirements for a client-based evaluation system as well as to respond to management information needs. Accordingly, this budget reflects the establishment of a new division for planning and evaluation by: redirection of 30 positions from existing departmental units to centralize the Department's technical-analytical planning and evaluation functions; and establishment of 16 new positions, 10 of which were previously located at Sonoma State Hospital for support of a Special Analysis Unit.

Community Services Program

Continued growth in the number of clients with special developmental needs served by the Regional Centers is projected to add 7,852 new cases in the 1979-80 fiscal year for a total caseload of 72,477. The proposed Regional Center budget includes an augmentation of \$6,344,149 for full year costs of new cases added in 1978-79 and new caseload increases anticipated in 1979-80. In addition to this augmentation, as a result of a careful prioritization of services conducted jointly with the Regional Centers, as well as a reassessment of other revenue sources and a stringent review of administrative costs, the Department anticipates a redirection of \$6,128,227 from the Regional Center funding in the budget year. This amount will permit the Department to fund the full projected cost of \$12,472,376 in 1979-80.

¹ For the list of standard (lettered) footnotes, see the end of the Governor's Budget.