



July 6, 2009

To: All Service Providers

From: Westside Regional Center

Re: An Important Notice Regarding the Budget Situation

As many of you are aware, the State of California is undergoing a severe fiscal crisis of a scope and magnitude not seen or experienced by many of us today. This financial crisis has forced the Governor, the Legislature, and state agencies to come up with millions of dollars in reductions to programs and staffing in order to balance the budget. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has had to identify \$334 million in savings reductions since February of this year and WRC has been notified by DDS of many proposed changes to the Welfare and Institutions Code (also known as the Lanterman Act). These changes are part of a Trailer Bill that is pending signature of the Governor and once signed becomes law. As these proposed changes have a significant impact on many of our service providers, WRC wants to inform you of the possible changes so that you can make arrangements for your business. A complete listing of all changes to the regional centers' budget can be viewed at our website www.westsiderc.org.

The State faces an immediate cash flow crisis until a balanced budget is passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The State Controller has announced that the State has begun to issue warrants or "IOUs" instead of checks beginning July 1. Regional Centers are affected by this as are all other state-funded entities. At the present time, Westside Regional Center will be funding June services and estimate our cash flow to be expended by July 24, 2009. Should this occur, Westside has established a line of credit with our bank. Westside, with approval of our Board of Directors, will then utilize the line of credit to **ONLY** fund services that support individuals with significant health and safety needs.

Westside encourages service providers to continue to provide authorized services and WRC will commit to funding these authorized services provided. When WRC will be able to issue checks to providers for these services will be determined by when WRC receives money from the State of California.

Westside values our relationships with all of you and wants to provide the best information that we can although the situation remains very fluid. We encourage you to access our website at www.westsiderc.org to obtain information on the DDS budget reduction proposals and related draft budget trailer bill language. Westside will periodically post the most current information that we have on our website. Some budget information may also be found on the DDS website at www.dds.ca.gov.

NOTE: While visiting our website, **PLEASE** sign up for our e-mail distribution list if you have not already done so. **We are no longer able to continue to send information through the mail.**

The new Uniform Program Closure Schedule for FY 2009-2010 is on the back of this memo.



**UNIFORM PROGRAM CLOSURE SCHEDULE FOR FY 2009-2010
SECTION 18 Welfare & Institutions Code Section 4692 (a)**

WRC is prohibited from compensating the following programs for providing any service to clients on the established days. The new holiday schedule affects ALL vendors providing the following services:

- Work Activity Program (954)
- Activity Center (505)
- Adult Development Center (510)
- Behavior Management Program (515)
- Social Recreation Program (525)
- Adaptive Skills Trainer (605)
- Infant Development Programs (048, 116, 707, 772, 773, 805, 810)
- Program Support Group – Day Service (110)
- Socialization Training Program (028)
- Client/Parent Support Behavior Intervention Training (048)
- Community Integration Training Program (055)
- Community Activities Support Services (063)
- In-Home Mobile Day Program (091)
- Creative Arts Program (094)
- All Transportation (425, 875, 880, 882, 883, 890, 895)

HOLIDAY	CLOSURE DATE
Labor Day	September 7, 2009 Monday
Veteran’s Day	November 11, 2009, Wednesday
Thanksgiving	November 26, 2009, Thursday
Christmas Day	December 25, 2009, Friday
Christmas Holiday	December 28-31, 2009 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur
New Year’s Day	January 1, 2010, Friday
Martin Luther King Day	January 18, 2010, Monday
President’s Day	February 15, 2010, Monday
Cesar Chavez Day	March 31, 2010, Wednesday
Memorial Day	May 31, 2010, Monday
Independence Day	July 5, 2010, Monday (Observed)