



State Council on Developmental Disabilities

# **Housing Trends, Advocacy & Policy**

## **An Overview of Regional & Statewide Change & Needs**

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## An Overview

- The Vision & Challenges
- The Language & Players
- The Data & Trends
- Policy & Legislation
- Know your Strategy





## The Vision:

The **Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000** specifies that, ...the goals of the Nation properly include a goal in providing individuals with DD with the information, skills, opportunities, and support to:

- Make informed choices and decisions about their lives
- Live in homes and communities in which such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens
- Achieve full integration and inclusion in society, and in an individualized manner, consistent with the unique strengths resources, priorities, concerns, abilities and capabilities of each individuals



# The Challenge, Nationally:

Based on a sample from the 2017 National Autism Indicators Report tracking services and outcomes in adulthood:

- 25% of respondents report that they don't get all of the services they need
- 49% live in the home of a parent or relative (If we include those without State DD services, that number goes to over 80%)
- 27% live in group homes
- 38% of those who live w parents or relatives receive no paid in-home supports
- 49% receive 24 hr. on-site support in their home
- 16% reported that they choose where they live, 24% reported that they had input, 60% said the choice was made for them (no input)



## The Challenge, in CA:

In the last 10 years, the number of individuals with developmental disabilities accessing State DD Systems (Regional Center system) increased just under 40% in 10 years, while the general pop only grew 9.5%.

Where are adults with developmental disabilities living now in CA, compared with 10 years ago?

- Parent or family member's home: 59.9% (up from 50%)
- Community Care Facility: 16.3% (down from 20.6%)
- Own home with Supported Living or Independent Living services: 16.7% (down from 17.1%)
- Intermediate Care Facility or Skilled Nursing: 5.4% (down from 7.9%)
- Developmental Center: .7% (down from 2.8%)

Currently in CA: **5,870** residential providers & **2,296** supported living and independent living related service providers



## Regionally:

Individuals with ASD in our local 7 counties receiving Regional Center services:

**6,472** or **23%** of individuals receiving Regional Center Services





# Looking Ahead at the Challenge, in CA:

Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD):

- Over 97k public school students have been diagnosed with ASD, a jump of 7% in the last year
- More than 1 in 65 kindergartners in CA have been diagnosed with ASD
- For those 3 yrs. and older receiving State DD Services: ASD diagnoses grew from 17.4% to 32.7%
- Approx. 83K individuals 3 yrs. and older access CA's State DD Services through the Regional Center system

***We know the need will only increase...***



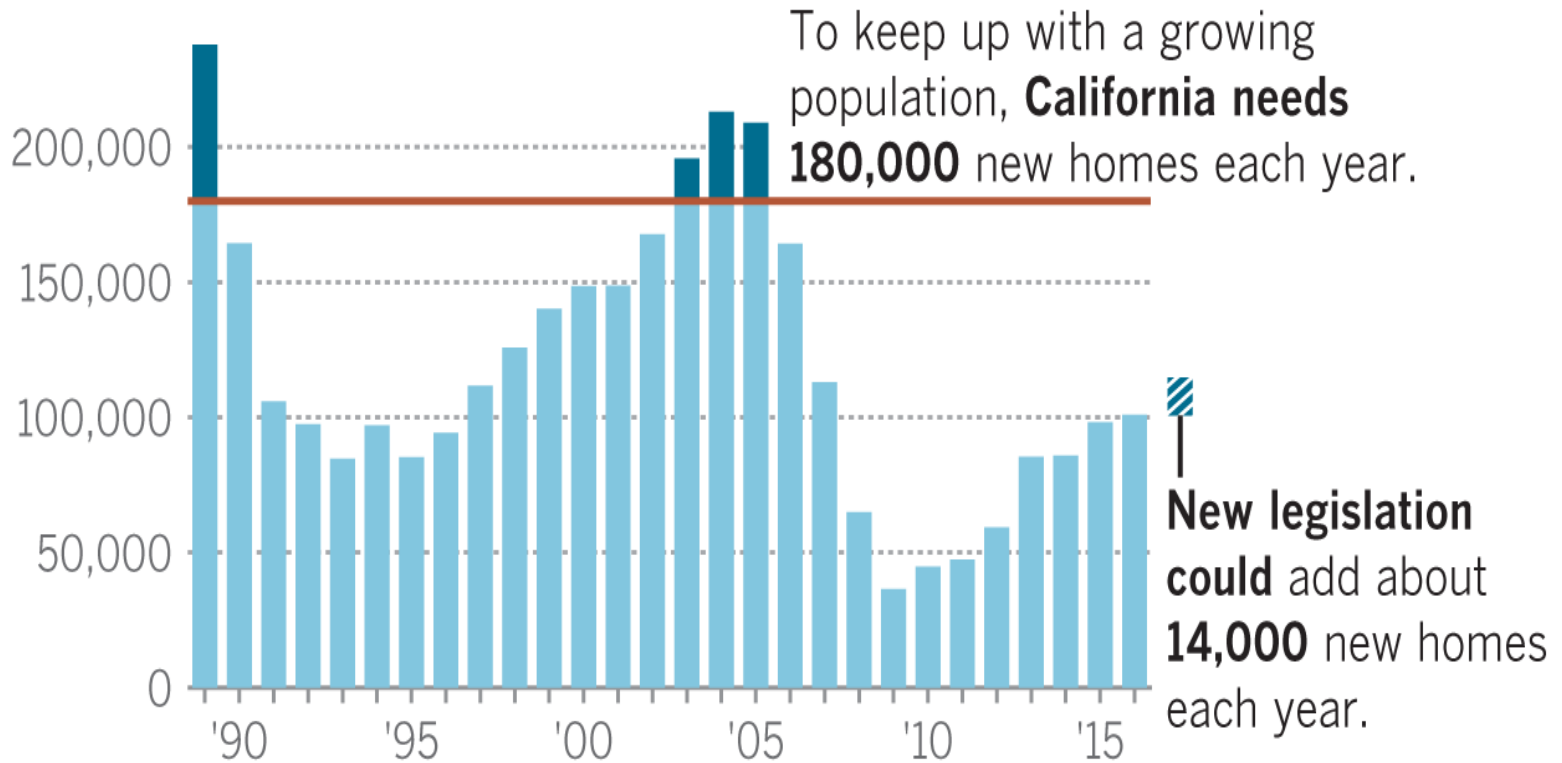
## The Challenge, Regionally:

In our local 7 counties, those receiving Regional Center services and who are 22 yrs. of age and up live:

- In a parent's/family member's home: **5,921**
- In a Community Care Facility: **2,669**
- In own home with SLS or ILS related services: **1,971**
- In an Intermediate Care Facility or in Skilled Nursing: **570**
- In a Foster Home or Family Home Agency: **149**
- In a Developmental Center: **60**
- Transient or Homeless: **31**



# New homes built each year in California



*Note: One of the bills would require voter approval in 2018.*

Sources: Construction Industry Research Board and California Department of Housing and Community Development

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# The Language:

<http://www.forworkingfamilies.org/page/policy-tools-affordable-housing-dictionary>

For Key Terms in Affordable Housing

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/AH/Home.cfm>

For Key Terms in Affordable Housing for People with I/DD in CA

<http://www.lantermanhousingalliance.org/websites/>

For info about State Plan language in other states and recommendations for a CA State Housing Plan for People with I/DD



# The Players:

## Supply Side

### **Developers/Landlords/Policy Makers**

Federal (HUD)

County/City Public Housing Authority

County/City Office of Supportive  
Housing

Housing Nonprofits

Developers

Project-Based Collaboratives

Landlord / Property Managers

## Demand Side

### **Renters/Buyers/Co-Op Members**

Special Needs Housing Populations include:

- Elderly
- Veteran
- Homeless & Chronically Homeless
- Mental Health & Shelter + Care
- Disability
- Developmental Disability
- Other Low Income

## Advocates

Populations-served

Family

DD systems/support entities (Regional  
Centers, Community Providers, DDS, SCDD,  
etc.)



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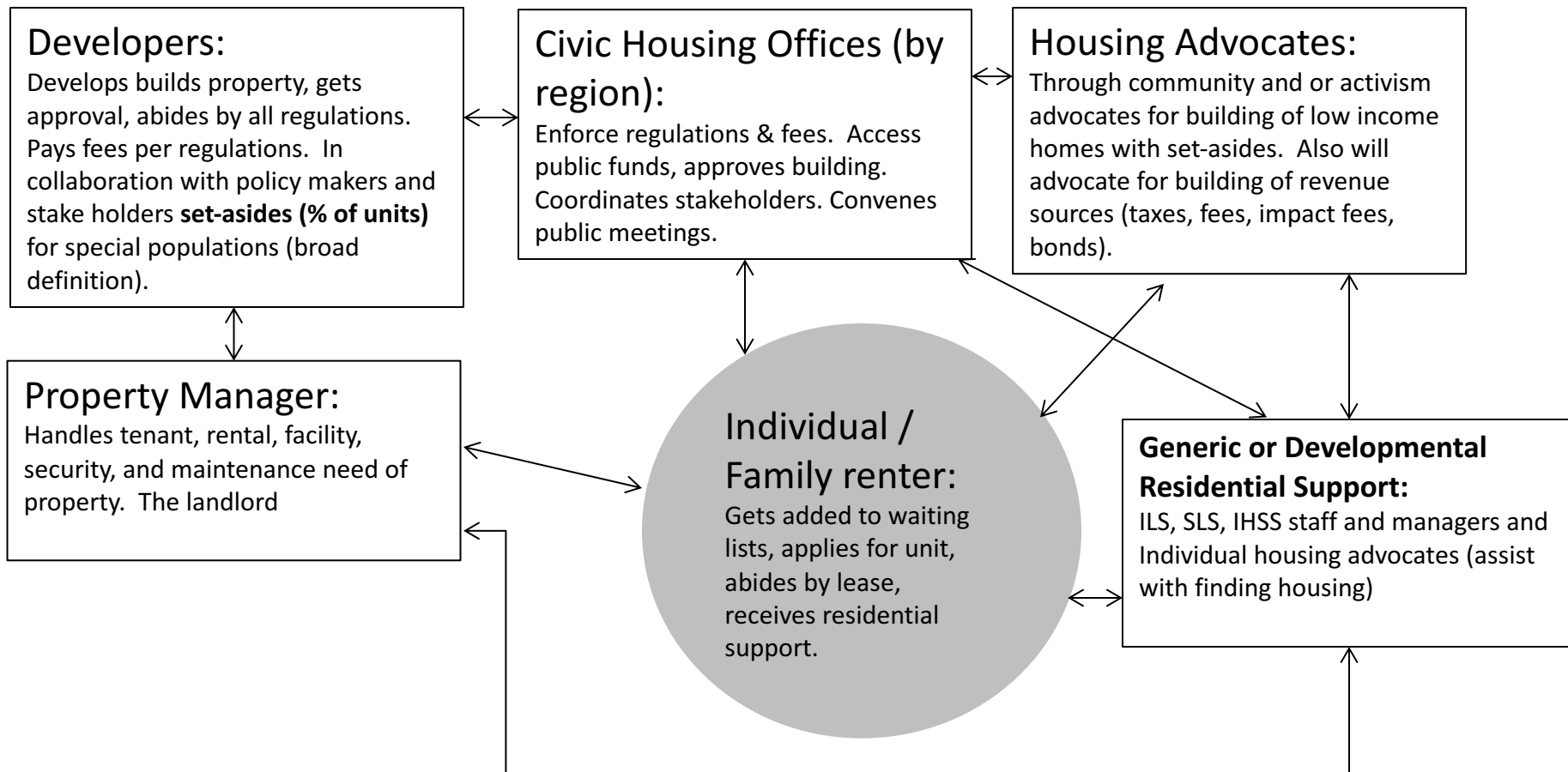
## Advocates Also Include:

- Low Income Housing Department in Cities, Counties, and Regions
- Housing Developers
- Fair Housing Resources
- Housing Legal Aid
- Housing collaboratives (regional, state and fed)
- Housing Advocates / Tenant Rights Organizations
  - General Community
  - Developmental Disability Community
- Nonprofit, Faith communities & Neighborhood Organizations



# How Do They Come Together?

## Example: Project Base / Set Asides





# Where to find the Data on our Needs

**WITHIN the state & regional developmental  
services community**



- <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>
- <http://arcanet.org/initiatives/housing/index.html>
- <http://www.lantermanhousingalliance.org/>
- <http://www.dds.ca.gov/AH/Home.cfm>
- 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the California Department of Developmental Disability 2017 *Fact Book*
  - <http://www.dds.ca.gov/FactsStats/Factbooks.cfm>
- Department of Developmental Services
  - <http://www.dds.ca.gov/FactsStats/QuarterlyReports.cfm>
  - <http://www.dds.ca.gov/QA/>
- Your regional housing advocacy groups and collaboratives



# Where to find the Trends in Policy:

**OUTSIDE of the state & regional developmental services community**

Housing Elements and Regional Housing Need Allocation:

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/housing-policy-development/housing-resource-center/plan/he/>.

Each governing body (City Council or Board of Supervisors) of a local government in California is required to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city, city and county, or county.

California's Housing Future, Challenges, and Opportunities Statewide Housing

Assessment, Public Draft:

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-research/plans-reports/docs/California%27s-Housing-Future-Full-Public-Draft.pdf>

From the CA Department of Housing and Community Development. Reviews need and impact on several populations in CA, including those with developmental disabilities. Highlights key challenges, best practices/categories of approaches to increase affordable housing.



# Policy & Legislation:

## National Level

### Home and Community Based Settings

- To ensure that individuals receiving long-term services and supports through home and community based service (HCBS) programs under the 1915(c), 1915(i) and 1915(k) Medicaid authorities have:
  - **Full access to benefits of community living**
  - **The opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate**
- To enhance the quality of these services and provide protection to participants





# Policy & Legislation:

## State Level:

### ➤ **2017 CA Legislative Housing Bill Package:**

This fall, Governor Brown signed the housing package, making official the passage of critical affordable housing funding bills, streamlined housing approvals, and new housing element requirements.

### ➤ **Bills projected to make an impact in CA's housing crisis include:**

**SB 2      SB 3      SB 35      AB 73      SB 540      AB 1505      AB 1521**  
**AB 571      AB 1397      SB 166      AB 879      SB 167      AB 678      AB 1515**  
**AB 72**



# Policy & Legislation:

## County & City Level:

- **Anti-Discrimination Ordinances affecting Section 8 Voucher Holders**
  - Affecting people with developmental disabilities, as well as the elderly and veteran populations
  
- **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**
  - 2016's AB 2299 & SB 1069 impact all of CA
  - County and City jurisdictions now must adopt or amend local ordinances accordingly



# State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Focus:

**How can we reduce barriers to accessible, affordable, safe and inclusive housing for all Californians with developmental disabilities?**

- Identify and address NIMBYism
- Support benefits-related policy and legislation that allows for better asset growth and management
- Support public and private programs that assist with education, advocacy, and tools for elimination of barriers
- Provide and refer technical assistance for those experiencing discrimination or access needs



# State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Focus:

**How can we work with housing organizations to increase the development and availability of community housing for Californians with developmental disabilities?**

- SCDD Statewide Grant Cycle 40 funding
- Educate legislators, and policy makers on a city & county level
- Educate developers on population needs and resources available
- Encourage and support the increase in a variety of housing options, including those through project-based subsidies, tenant-based subsidies, home-ownership programs, co-ops, public-private partnerships and other special projects that increase the stock of housing options for Californians with developmental disabilities



# **State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Focus:**

**How can we work with federal partners to increase the advocacy and support of laws and policies that increase housing for Californians with developmental disabilities?**

- Seeking population-specific language in housing legislation and policy
- Partnering with federal partners: University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and Protection and Advocacy
- SCDD Legislative Platform



# State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Outputs for Fed FY (Oct 2016-September 2017)

3.1	Working with housing entities to increase development and provision of community housing for people with I/DD (# and People Reached)			
3.1	1	Identify stakeholders & build coalitions	14	470
		Convene quarterly stakeholder meetings	47	597
		Assess/document/update lists of current regional housing levels (including home ownership & NIMBY concerns)	12	
		Convene/attend regional DFEH/HUD/housing authority meetings	26	703
	2	Develop/distribute information/letters to publicize/petition for housing needs of people with I/DD &/or cross-disabilities	44	47,164
	3	Develop/update curriculum about affordable, accessible, safe housing & housing rights	9	
Provide training		23	763	
3.2	Identify and Decrease Barriers to Housing for People with I/DD (# and People Reached)			
3.2	1	Develop/update training about HCBS Final Settings Rule	3	
		Provide training	14	695
	2	Develop/update training about housing needs to be included in transition & ITP/IPP planning	2	
		Provide training	12	281
	3	Develop/distribute/post to website set of housing information/material(s) that includes residential options (Distributed through eBlasts)	126	126,640
		Develop/update training about long-range financial planning, public entitlements, etc. in regard to housing needs	2	
		Provide training	11	378



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Identify and Decrease Barriers to Housing for People with I/DD (# and People Reached)				
3.2 (Cont.)	4	Develop/update needs assessment regarding the number of clients requiring emergency placement/relocation	1	NA
		Develop/distribute/update/post to website list of terms/definitions associated with emergency living options	1	9,693
		Develop/distribute/update/post to website statewide list identifying information/emergency residential options	9	7,549
3.3	The Council, in consultation with its federal partners, will increase identification, advocacy and/or sponsorship of legislative, regulatory, policy, procedure and/or practice changes to increase housing for people with I/DD (# and People Reached)			
3.3	1	Develop/update/maintain list of subject matter experts in housing-related issues	1	43
		Provide housing-related presentations at LPPC meetings	2	40
	2	Convene meetings with policymakers	20	391
	3	Monitor/address legislation related to housing for family/self-advocates with I/DD &/or cross-disabilities	30	652
	4	Testify/provide information in hearings addressing housing-related issues	9	427



# Develop Strategies:

## Advocacy Tips Include...

- Find others who are like-minded
- Join or organize collaboratives/advocacy orgs
- Form → Norm → Storm → Perform
- Take on a Manageable Task (time & effort)
- Testify (e.g. City Councils, Board of Supervisors, SCDD, DDS, RAC): Share your concise strategic story, include family member, show respect, present as a win-win.
- Tortoise vs. Hare: How turtle always wins!





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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN YOUR COMMUNITY & STATE**

