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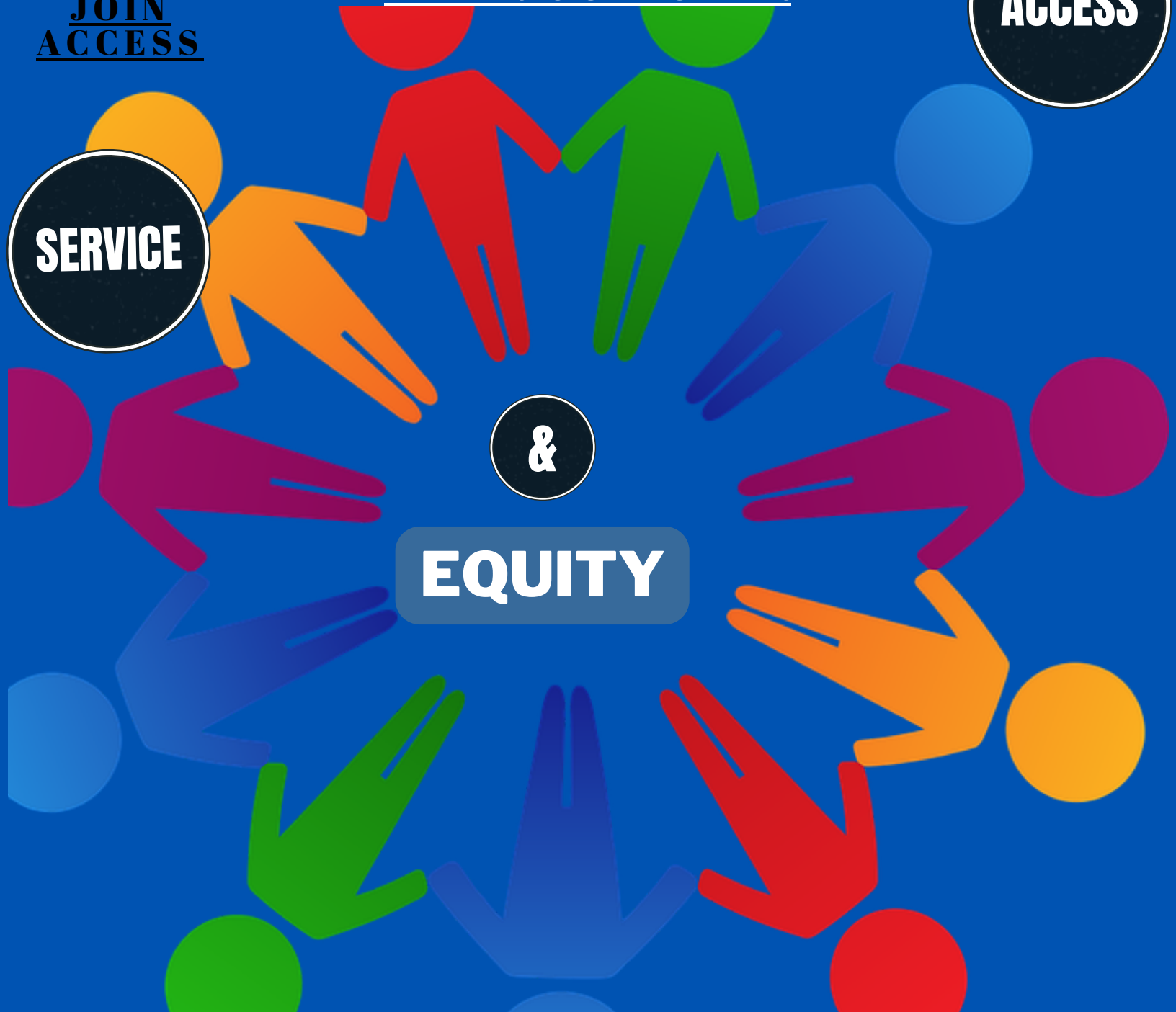
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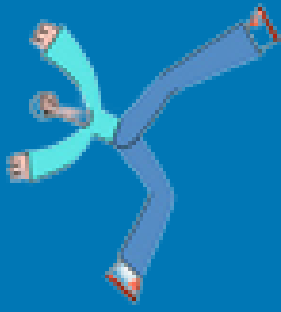
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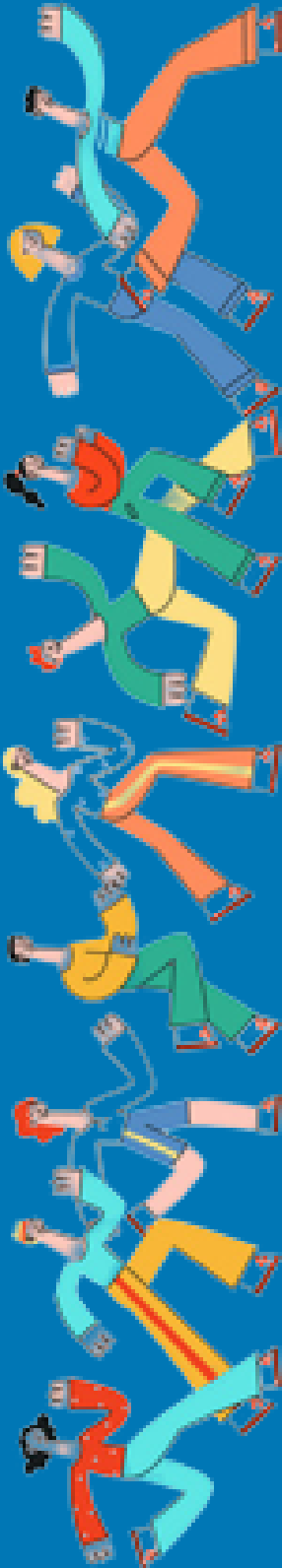
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# Meet the Community Engagement Team



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# Meet the Community Engagement Team

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# Editor's Note

## The Challenge of Accessibility

### BY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As IRC continues to provide opportunities and resources to families, Clients and create that strong sense of relationship with community on addressing the issue of improving service, equity and overall accessibility. Among the effort on improving accessibility, we are shown these efforts of change and improvement through different experiences in our blogs coming from Special Olympics athlete, learning a new language, expansion of services and getting Clients familiar with the importance of emergency preparedness.

With this in mind, Brett Laza, is one of the clear examples of those who brought hope to Special Olympics game in Berlin, Germany with bringing access to many who are new to the special Olympics in that region. The ICS & EOC Regional Center training is another example of how accessibility in preparing our Client, building connections with our community organizations and leader in being better prepared. In this training we saw Inland Regional Center staff and other regional center coordinators learn the importance of working as one team in order to provide service in organized effective manner of being inclusive and accessible all Client in emergency situations throughout California.

IRC has demonstrated the importance of being accessible through empowerment of underserved communities such as Coachella Valley with the ASL pilot classes offered to parents out in that region. We at IRC understand that expansion of services such as the one previously listed are necessary to connect and better serve IRC Clients and families with having access to all of these services. We hope that you as reader take the time to participate in future events or pass along helpful resources information to better serve our community. We invite you to stay involved through our social media, upcoming events and by emailing us for any questions or ways we can continue promote this goal of accessibility.



## "SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ATHLETE INSPIRES HOPE AND CHANGE AS FINAL TORCH RUNNER AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES IN BERLIN"

**By Steven Serrano Yopez**

In the realm of hope, its meaning can take on various interpretations, but ultimately, it embodies the desire and expectation for something significant to unfold. This brings us to the captivating tale of the Flame of Hope, a symbol of inspiration in the Special Olympics. This year, a remarkable individual from Southern California will carry this flame as the final leg torch runner at the prestigious Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, set to take place in June 2023.

Brett Laza, a son, brother, and uncle residing in the Inland Empire, lives a life brimming with passion and athletic prowess. Since a young age, Brett has delved into a myriad of sports, including tennis, swimming, bowling, volleyball, floorball, and more. He has participated in multiple Special Olympics events and nurtured these sports as his recreational hobbies. However, among all the options, Brett reveals his unequivocal fondness for track and field, sports encompassing a diverse range of athletic skills such as running, throwing, and jumping. This year, during the Special Olympics Games in Berlin, Germany, Brett will showcase his running abilities, standing proudly as one of the eight chosen athletes entrusted with the role of torch runner.

For Brett, the driving force behind his unyielding passion for sports can be attributed to three key factors: competition, networking, and the opportunity to forge new friendships. When asked about the pivotal factor that has kept him actively engaged in sports, Brett acknowledges his parents' unwavering support and mentorship, who have encouraged him to work hard and train diligently and instilled leadership qualities within him. In moments when he is not participating in sports himself, Brett takes on the role of a coach, imparting his knowledge and expertise to other teams, often training alongside several coaches. Reflecting on his personal journey, Brett shares three invaluable lessons he has learned:

Never Give Up Always strive for your best, regardless of the circumstances "Let me win if I can, if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."



However, Brett's journey extends far beyond the realm of athletics. He actively participates in extracurricular activities, involving himself in his church, bible study groups, and local torch runs, such as the law enforcement torch run. Additionally, Brett serves as a global messenger for the Special Olympics, passionately spreading the message of inclusion and equality. Brett and his family are particularly excited about this year's Special Olympics Games, as he proudly represents Southern California as one of the torch runners. This is not Brett's first time representing Southern California on a global stage; he previously experienced the honor of being a torch runner in the 2015 Special Olympics held in Athens, Greece—an unforgettable highlight in his life.

Balancing the roles of an athlete and a son comes with its fair share of challenges and responsibilities. Brett's routine involves several two-mile weekly runs accompanied by a healthy diet. Furthermore, his work responsibilities with the Vocational Improvement Program (VIP) demand proper time management. Thankfully, Brett is fortunate to have the unwavering support of his parents, who fulfill the dual roles of devoted parents and dedicated coaches. While dedicating time to these challenges can be demanding, Brett encounters additional obstacles within the athletic realm. Acceptance, inclusion, and equality remain significant challenges for athletes like Brett (in today's world). Hence, Brett consciously includes supporting and advocating for fellow athletes in his routine, working towards creating positive change. He firmly believes that by building motivation as a team, anyone can strive to give their best and attempt to shape a better world.

Brett's journey represents just one of the many inspiring stories unheard of within the realm of the Special Olympics. By sharing his experience, Brett hopes to inspire others on their own journeys, demonstrating that achieving goals and dreams is entirely possible. It is precisely this spirit and message of hope and change that make Brett the ideal candidate to be this year's final leg torch runner for the Flame of Hope. As he carries the torch from California to its new home in Berlin, Germany, Brett symbolizes the spirit of hope and carries the message of change to the international stage of the Special Olympics Games.





## "BREAKING BARRIERS: ASL CLASSES BRIDGE COMMUNICATION GAP AND BRING HOPE FOR IRC CLIENTS AND FAMILIES IN RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES"

**By Community Engagement**

The significance of American Sign Language (ASL) cannot be overstated, as it facilitates effective communication among individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and even those with full hearing capabilities. From babies to adults, ASL holds the power to bridge the communication gap across all age groups. However, in the state of California, particularly Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, government programs have long overlooked the dire need and glaring disparity in the knowledge and understanding of ASL. Thankfully, recent developments have finally shed light on this issue.

The catalyst for change came from a concerned parent, who reached out to Inland Regional Center (IRC) to express frustration over the lack of proper communication with their deaf child. This concern was further compounded by other parents who revealed that while some of their children were familiar with ASL, others remained utterly oblivious to its basics. The absence of even rudimentary ASL skills posed a significant barrier to daily life, hindering communication at home and school. This dire situation pushed families to consider seeking help from private organizations that offered ASL classes, albeit at a cost. Unfortunately, this presented another obstacle for families unable to afford such lessons.

However, hope emerged from the shadows when IRC tackled the issue head-on. Recognizing the growing demand for ASL knowledge and exposure, IRC embarked on a pilot project to teach ASL classes to their Clients and their families. This groundbreaking initiative was made possible through the funding provided by the Language Access and Cultural Competency (LACC) project. Rather than addressing a single concern, IRC aimed to tackle the root cause of the problem: improving communication and social integration while addressing safety issues resulting from the lack of a common language between Clients and their loved ones.

The ASL pilot classes gained traction, revealing the urgent need for expansion. Additional funding was sought to cater to the growing interest to offer more ASL classes to those eager to learn. This aspiration became a reality thanks to increased funding from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) through the LACC project.

With funding secured, the project's structure was solidified. For six weeks, 36 classes were offered, targeting parents and children aged 15 and older. Participants were required to commit to the entire duration of the course, and parents were encouraged to bring their consumers, aged 15 or above, to the classes. The presence of consumers in the class fostered engagement and provided an opportunity to practice ASL, effectively dismantling the communication barrier.

To ensure continuous improvement, IRC welcomed feedback and testimonials from participants, specifically those from the Coachella area in Riverside County. One of the first testimonies came from Liliana Ramirez, the mother who initially raised her concerns with IRC. Ms. Ramirez expressed her satisfaction by saying, "These classes have been beneficial in many ways. They have planted the seed for a better program. I would recommend these classes to all parents, especially those with non-verbal children. It offers an opportunity to communicate, learn something new, and use sign language as a necessity. When parents view it as a necessity, these classes become invaluable."



Gladys Orozco, a Spanish-speaking mother, shared her feedback, stating, "After attending these classes, I was able to communicate much better with my son. He used to rely heavily on facial expressions and movements, but now he is starting to remember and understand more through sign language." Furthermore, Ms. Orozco emphasized these classes' overall benefits for parents and children, highlighting the importance of acquiring ASL knowledge.

Another testimony was provided by Martha Garcia, also a Spanish-speaking mother. While Ms. Garcia acknowledged the positive impact of the classes on her communication with her son, she also provided constructive feedback, saying, "I'm not sure if it's because I have a son with autism and I'm used to having structured classes, but I felt that these classes lacked structure and were rushed."

Miriam Gonzalez, another mother, expressed her enriching experience, stating, "These classes were enriching and beautiful. Although I had some basic knowledge of ASL beforehand, taking these classes helped me open doors and break barriers, expanding opportunities and resources for our children."

Paz Yepez, a Spanish-speaking mother, shared her perspective, saying, "I loved the ASL classes. It was my first time attending, and my goal was to find a better way to communicate with my child, who has autism. When I was a child, seeing my father communicating with others using various methods despite his lack of education reinforced the importance of exploring different communication avenues to communicate with my child."





Another Spanish-speaking mother, Elvira Velasquez, stated, "The most positive aspect of these classes was witnessing how engaged we mothers became over time. Sign language plays a crucial role in my case, as my son is hard of hearing. I noticed a significant difference in his frustration levels when he couldn't communicate, but after taking these classes, I saw improvement, which is why I advocate for ASL classes and resources, especially in regions like Coachella where such programs are scarce." Ms. Velasquez also offered suggestions for improvement, such as conducting surveys, organizing the ASL vocabulary list, and establishing better communication with community leaders who can help spread the word about these classes and resources.

The testimonials demonstrate the overwhelming need for ASL classes, particularly in underrepresented areas like Coachella Valley. However, constructive feedback also surfaced, with several mothers suggesting improvements such as surveys, increased involvement of children, better class structure, flexibility in time and day, improved communication with community leaders and organizations, extended class durations, and more opportunities for ASL practice.

In the grand scheme of things, these classes have profoundly impacted the community. They have provided IRC with valuable insights into the need for ASL classes and laid the groundwork for future improvements and expansion to better serve the community's needs. Currently, IRC is diligently working to continue offering this resource and enhance and expand the classes. Stay informed by regularly checking our social media channels and IRC website's calendar for updates on this program in the upcoming months.



## SOCIAL RECREATIONAL SERVICES

### 24 Hour Home Care

With Social Recreation fully launched, the team at 24 Hour Home Care is excited to support families in the IRC (Inland Regional Center) catchment [CR1] [SB2] area! We are working with families to complete all the necessary steps to get the services started. Some current families are utilizing the service by having their Social Recreation coach attend sports games with them —other families are utilizing the program to empower their loved one to learn how to budget and grocery shop. 24 Hour Home Care’s person-centered approach enables the person served and their circle of support to identify what works best for them and how those services should be provided. We currently have over 100 families (and counting) actively receiving Social Recreation services.

Joe Zimmer, Vice President of Community Partnerships at 24 Hour Home Care, states, “Social Recreation with 24 Hour Home Care stands out from many traditional programs because it is truly person-centered and does not limit individuals to a few options. Individuals work with our dedicated Social Recreation team to identify and access activities in the community that align with their interests and passions. Our specially trained Social Recreation coaches support them one-on-one to foster confidence and inclusion to enable the person being served to access recreational opportunities that once might not have been possible. Families select their own Social Recreation provider through their social network, and 24-Hour Home Care then trains the selected person to serve as the family’s a certified “Social Recreation Coach.” This enables greater cultural and language competency and eliminates barriers to accessing services. I am thrilled to work with my Community Partnerships Team to continue education, awareness, and expansion efforts throughout California as we strive to serve more families and impact more lives through Social Recreation.” [CR3] [SB4]

In accordance with the California Board of Nursing regulations, 24 Hour Home Care is a non-medical, non-behavioral care services provider and welcomes the opportunity to provide Social Recreation services to individuals requiring non-medical and non-behavioral services.





For the safety of all families, care providers, and individuals being served, 24 Hour Home Care can offer Social Recreation Services to:

- Non-medical clients

Please note that per the California Board of Nursing regulations, 24 Hour Home Care is not eligible to offer services to those who require a care provider to administer medication or provide any hands-on, invasive care. Invasive care can be anything from administering epi-pens to providing support with G-tubes and conducting blood sugar checks.

- Non-behavioral clients

oAs set by the State of California, 24 Hour Home Care is not a behavioral agency and is not eligible to offer services to individuals who exhibit behaviors that could cause harm to themselves or others.

We take pride in assessing everyone's IPP (Individual Program Plan) once referred to determine if the individual is a fit for Social Recreation Services with our agency. Our mission is to impact people's lives by making a difference every day and we hope to partner with you to carry out this vision. This service is already changing so many lives, and we would love to support changing yours too!

To learn more about Social Recreation Services at Inland Regional Center, please visit .



## ICS & EOC REGIONAL CENTER TRAINING

BY STEVEN SERRANO YEPEZ

Even for a highly trained and experienced emergency management expert, one can never be too prepared for a disaster or emergency in California. On May 30th, Inland Regional Center (IRC) hosted several Emergency Coordinators and IRC staff for the Incident Command System (ICS)/Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Training. Within this training, we covered nine units that were tailored to meet Regional Center standards regarding emergency response with our Emergency Coordinator.

Since this training was composed of many discussions and topics around emergency preparedness, this session centered on a few key areas that benefit the general public and Regional Center system in addressing preparation, response, recovery, and coordination of future emergencies with California.

### **Strengthening of Inclusion of the Community**

As many may know, no one is isolated from everyone else when a disaster or emergency occurs. As Chris Grant, our instructor, stated,

"The key importance of this training that should stick to you after this training should be inclusion and community, both within and outside the Regional Center."

It is critical for Regional Centers to be families with their Clients but also with vendors, non-profit organizations, business communities, and even both local and county forms of government. The importance of relationship/partnership could become important in instances such as an earthquake, if, for example, one of the non-profit organizations, "Autism Society" within the Inland Empire, needs a van to transport and Inland Regional Center has an extra available van for that use; this is where the connection comes into play in assisting each other and being able to aid while keeping the community inclusive.





### **Communication is Focal Point**

Without communication, the Regional Center system cannot assist the community or be involved in providing aid. This is why communication is needed to document and keep track of all resources available within the community and region during a disaster. This brings us to the tool or form that assists communication flow with the ICS. As Chris Grant stated, "ICS serves as a command in the field and management of the EOC but is composed of four pillars: operation, planning & intelligence, logistics, and finance & administration. Which is key for things to flow up and down the scale in case of any emergency or disaster."

In addition to creating and having an ICS, when having these discussions or planning to assist the community, all local organizations, businesses, non-profit organizations, and many more play important roles when working together. Chris Grant stated, "Everyone's role, especially IRC's spot at the table, should be there in a meaningful way." In this area, the key points are relationships and communication.

### **Building and working with Multi-Agency Coordination System**

Multi-Agency Coordination System, or MACS, combines equipment, facility, procedure, and personnel. As Chris Grant stated during the training, "MAC entities are typically used when incidents cross-disciplinary or jurisdictional boundaries or involve complex incident management scenarios."

In other words, we can use the Inland Regional Center example, where our Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator flip roles because credentials are needed in EOS environments. Within MACS, the goal is not to operate EOC but to coordinate the discussion and resources instead of lead. In this scenario, the Regional Center would play a crucial role not just having connections but friendships, especially with non-traditional partners such as local businesses, food banks, and many more.



## "RECOGNIZING CHAMPIONS OF INCLUSION: IRC'S CULTURAL PROFICIENCY EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD HONORS THOSE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

We are thrilled to unveil the IRC Cultural Proficiency Employee Recognition Award, proudly sponsored by the Language Access and Cultural Competency (LACC) Team. This award aims to celebrate individuals who embody the spirit of equal access to services and make a significant difference in our Clients' lives.

We invite parents, vendors, Clients, and community partners to participate each month by nominating outstanding IRC team members for this important recognition. The Client and Parent Advisory Committee will select the winners, ensuring a fair and transparent process.

The monthly winners will receive a well-deserved gift card and a coveted chance to win the ultimate prize: the Annual IRC Cultural Proficiency Employee Recognition Award.

The grand prize will be awarded at the end of the Fiscal Year (FY), highlighting one exceptional individual within our agency who consistently surpasses expectations and dedicates themselves to improving the lives of our valued Clients. The lucky recipient will be rewarded with a special gift provided by the LACC Team.

Furthermore, we are delighted to announce that all nominees will be invited to an exclusive end-of-FY luncheon, where they can engage with a distinguished keynote speaker. This event promises to celebrate excellence, unity, and the profound impact we can create together.

We extend an enthusiastic call to the community, including Community-Based Organizations, vendors, parents, and Clients, to actively participate in this inspiring initiative. Nominate a deserving candidate on social media throughout the month of July, and let's recognize and celebrate those exceptional individuals who go above and beyond to make a difference.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further information. Let's celebrate the champions of equal access and cultural competency within the IRC family!





# DID YOU KNOW

## That at Inland Regional Center we have an Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC)?

The Southern California area experiences wildfires, high wind events, and power outages year-round. Our I/DD Community needed a better way to stay informed, safe, and prepared. DDS provided funding to address this issue.

## HOW DOES AN ESC HELP?

1

### PREPARATION

Preparing IRC staff, vendors, clients, and families for any disaster and/or emergency, both natural and man-made.

2

### PROVIDING INFORMATION

Keeping our I/DD Community informed, safe, and prepared about potential risks and natural or man-made disasters.

3

### COOPERATION WITH OTHER REGIONAL CENTERS

Providing mutual aid and assistance to other Regional Centers.

4

### MULTI-AGENCY

Serving as a liaison between all twenty-one Regional Centers, local and state agencies, and other local responding agencies.

5

### COLLABORATION

Collaborating with local utility companies to prepare for planned outage/shutoff that may impact IRC clients.



## DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES EFFORTS?

EMAIL US AT [COMMUNITY@INLANDRC.ORG](mailto:COMMUNITY@INLANDRC.ORG).

Do you have a public event, conference, or resource you wish to reach a broader audience?

Send it our way and it may be featured in our digital calendar of events!



## Check Out Our **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1

### Requests by outside agencies must be relevant to IRC

IRC's digital communications' primary function is to promote IRC's mission, message, and brand. Events or resources must be deemed relevant by IRC's Web Team and have approval from the Community Engagement Manager.

2

### Send requests 30 days prior to the event

To ensure sufficient time for review, approval, and distribution, we only accept requests at least 30 days prior to the event's date.

3

### Requests must be sent to [community@inlandrc.org](mailto:community@inlandrc.org) only

We only accept post requests through our Community Engagement Unit's email contact. Any requests sent through social media channels will not be accepted.

4

### Make sure to include all details of the event/conference

Please make sure to include all relevant details of the event such as date, time, location, and contact information.

5

### Send graphic/flyers in both English and Spanish

We ask for Spanish and English materials. All marketing material should be culturally sensitive and must promote inclusion of all ethnicities, race, and gender.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION POLICY AT:**

**[www.inlandrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Digital-Communications-Policy-Update-2022.pdf](http://www.inlandrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Digital-Communications-Policy-Update-2022.pdf)**



# UPCOMING EVENTS



DO YOU WANT TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT

# UPCOMING EVENTS?

CHECK OUR DIGITAL CALENDAR!

[www.inlandrc.org/calendar](http://www.inlandrc.org/calendar)



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# Hangout From Home

**4th Thursday of Every Month, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM**

Make friends, learn a little, laugh a lot. A **fun-tastic** social group for IRC Clients.


Members of the IRC CAC will get together to catch-up, ask questions, and hangout in a virtual meeting.



Hosted by:  
**Stephen Donahue**  
IRC Consumer Advocate

**Join this virtual meeting by  
emailing [cac@inlandrc.org](mailto:cac@inlandrc.org)**

The IRC Client Advisory Committee is a social and advocacy group for IRC clients ages 16 and older.



# IRC BOARD OF TRUSTEES HYBRID MEETING

This meeting will be hybrid (in person and online). In person location:

IRC Conference Building  
Boardroom  
1425 South Waterman Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA, 92408

The live session can be found at:

[inlandrc.org/live](https://inlandrc.org/live)

Everyone is welcome to attend IRC board meetings. They are held on the second Monday of every odd month. Public comments may be submitted prior to the event, using this online form

<https://inlandrc.seamlessdocs.com/f/BoardComment>

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## Topics

Key issues relating to the agency and its services.

Organized by  
IRC Board of  
Trustees

**Monday,  
September  
11, 2023**

**5 PM - 6 PM**



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PER PERSON

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FOOD, GAMES,  
BINGO,  
& MORE!



August 18, 2023







# BACK TO THE CAC



IRC'S CLIENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETURNS WITH A  
**1950'S THEMED SUMMER FUNDRAISER**  
FOR IRC CLIENTS AGES 16 AND OLDER AND THEIR GUESTS!

**AUGUST 18, 2023**  
**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**\$10 PER PERSON**

INCLUDING GUESTS, CARETAKERS, ETC.  
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# Are you new to Inland Regional Center



Join us for an Orientation!

## **FOR FAMILIES FOUND ELIGIBLE FOR REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES**

IRC welcomes all to come to the training to learn more (or refresh what you know) about IRC. During the training organized by IRC Training and Development, families will hear a brief history of the regional center system and an overview of how case managers provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities. There will be a time for questions at the end should a family have a personal or detailed question for the trainer.

New Parent Orientation will be provided via Zoom on August 28, 2023. The training will be held from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. You will need to access the training using Zoom on a computer, a smartphone, or a tablet. Questions? Contact Sarah Hartsell at [shartsell@inlandrc.org](mailto:shartsell@inlandrc.org) or Ruth Armstead at [rarmstead@inlandrc.org](mailto:rarmstead@inlandrc.org).





# Black American Experience (BIPOC) FOCUS GROUP



## JOIN US

### COMMUNITY BUILDING FORUM

Group Discussions to learn how the Inland Regional Center can work to better meet your needs through supports and services offered. Give us your input on what's working and what's needed.

We will use the data from this focus group to develop a Needs and Strengths Plan to bridge a partnership between the Inland Regional Center and the Black population served.

**Saturday, August 5, 2023**

10 AM – 12 NOON

Presented and Facilitated by  
Nasaba Family Counseling & Consulting Inc.



*Your Voice Matters!*



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LOCATION:  
INLAND REGIONAL CENTER

1425 S WATERMAN AVE  
SAN BERNARDINO CA 92498

# DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING



Learn how to prepare and act in case of an emergency. Go-Kit bags will be provided to participants completing the training.



**AUGUST 22, 2023**



**5-6 PM**



**IN-PERSON TRAINING**



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# Upcoming IRC Training Opportunities

## Advocating with Data

Dr. CJ Cook

**July 25, 2023** / 4:45-6:45 PM / Virtual (Zoom)



## Providing Public Comment

Martin Morales / Mari Rodriguez / Steven Yopez

**August 29, 2023** / 5:30-7:30 PM / In-Person (IRC Boardroom)

## Understanding Common Services

Jonathan Eckrich

**September 19, 2023** / 5:30-6:30 PM / In-Person (IRC Boardroom)

## Utilization of Technology


Marc Rinebolt

**October 24, 2023** / 5:00 - 6:00 PM / In-Person (IRC Boardroom)

## Mock Listening Session

Mari Rodriguez / Martin Morales / Steven Yopez / Fania Pena

**November 14, 2023** / 5:00 - 6:00 PM / In-Person (IRC Boardroom)

ASL Interpretation will be provided. 

Email [community@inlandrc.org](mailto:community@inlandrc.org) for accommodations or questions.

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# National Core Indicator (NCI) 2021/2022 Survey Listening Session

## Sesión de Escucha Sobre la Encuesta del Indicador Central Nacional (NCI) 2021/2022

The National Core Indicators (NCI) project helps agencies that serve people with developmental disabilities track performance. Join us for a discussion about our 2021/2022 survey results and offer suggestions on how we can improve.

El proyecto de Indicadores Centrales Nacionales (NCI) ayuda a las agencias que sirven a las personas con discapacidades del desarrollo a hacer un registro de su trabajo. Acompáñenos en un diálogo sobre los resultados de nuestra encuesta de 2021/2022 y proporcione sugerencias sobre cómo podemos mejorar.

## September 11, 2023 · 6:30 - 7:30 PM

### IRC Conference Center

1425 S. Waterman Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92408

ASL Interpretation  
will be provided.



Se proporcionará  
interpretación ASL.

This event will also be broadcast on:  
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