

A Report to the Community September 2023

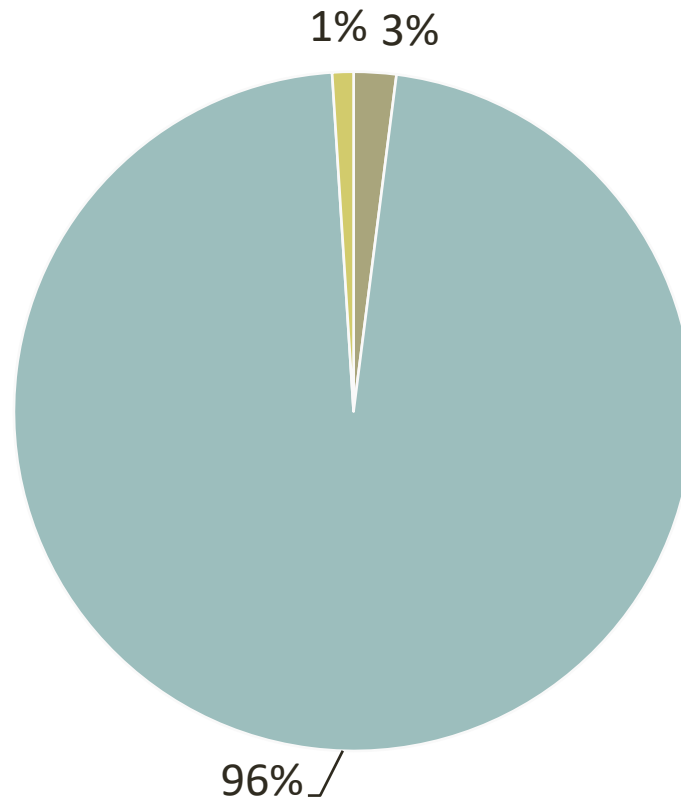
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Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center

The Budget: Its Impact on the Regional Center

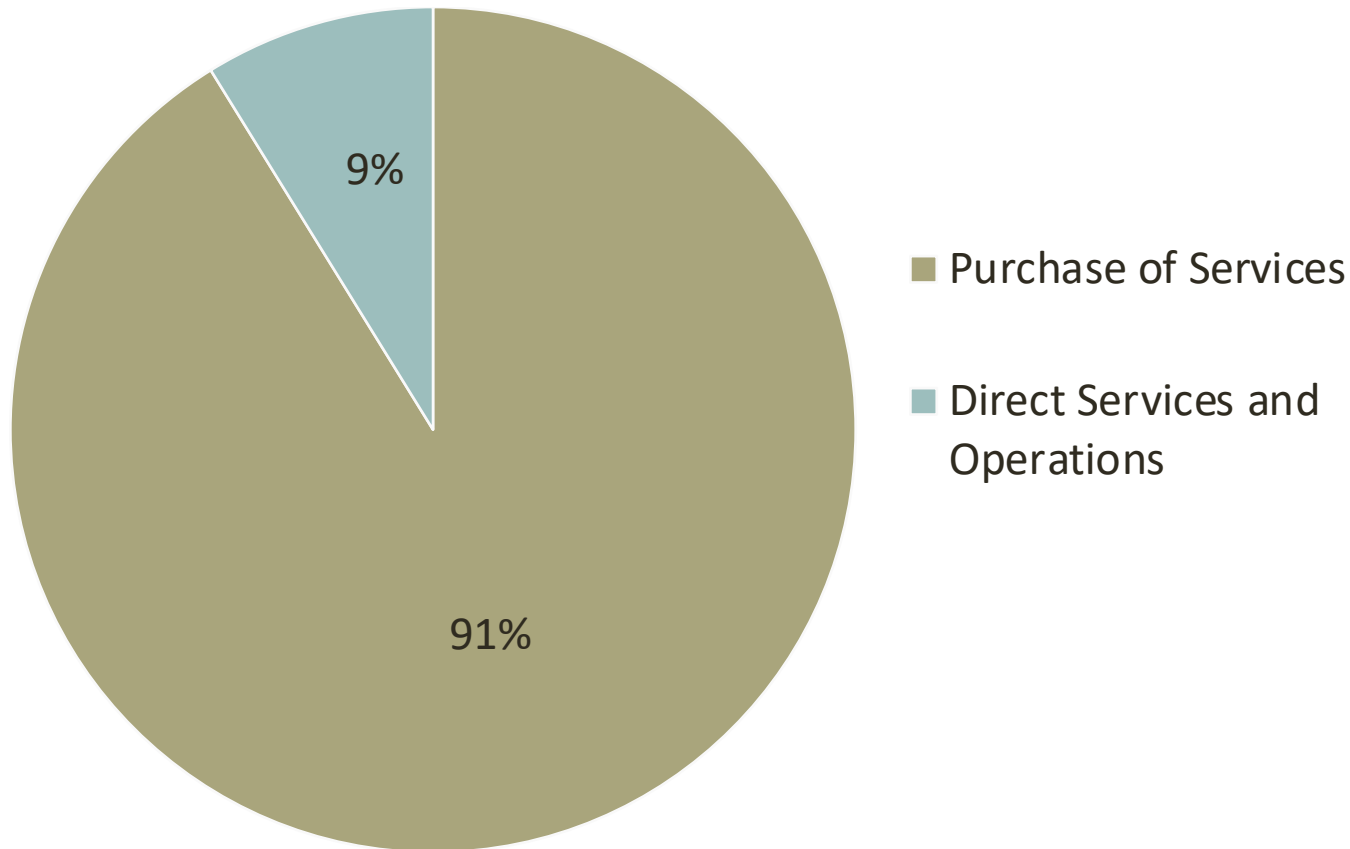
Changes Over Time and the Current Situation

2023-24 Budget: 14.1 Billion System-Wide



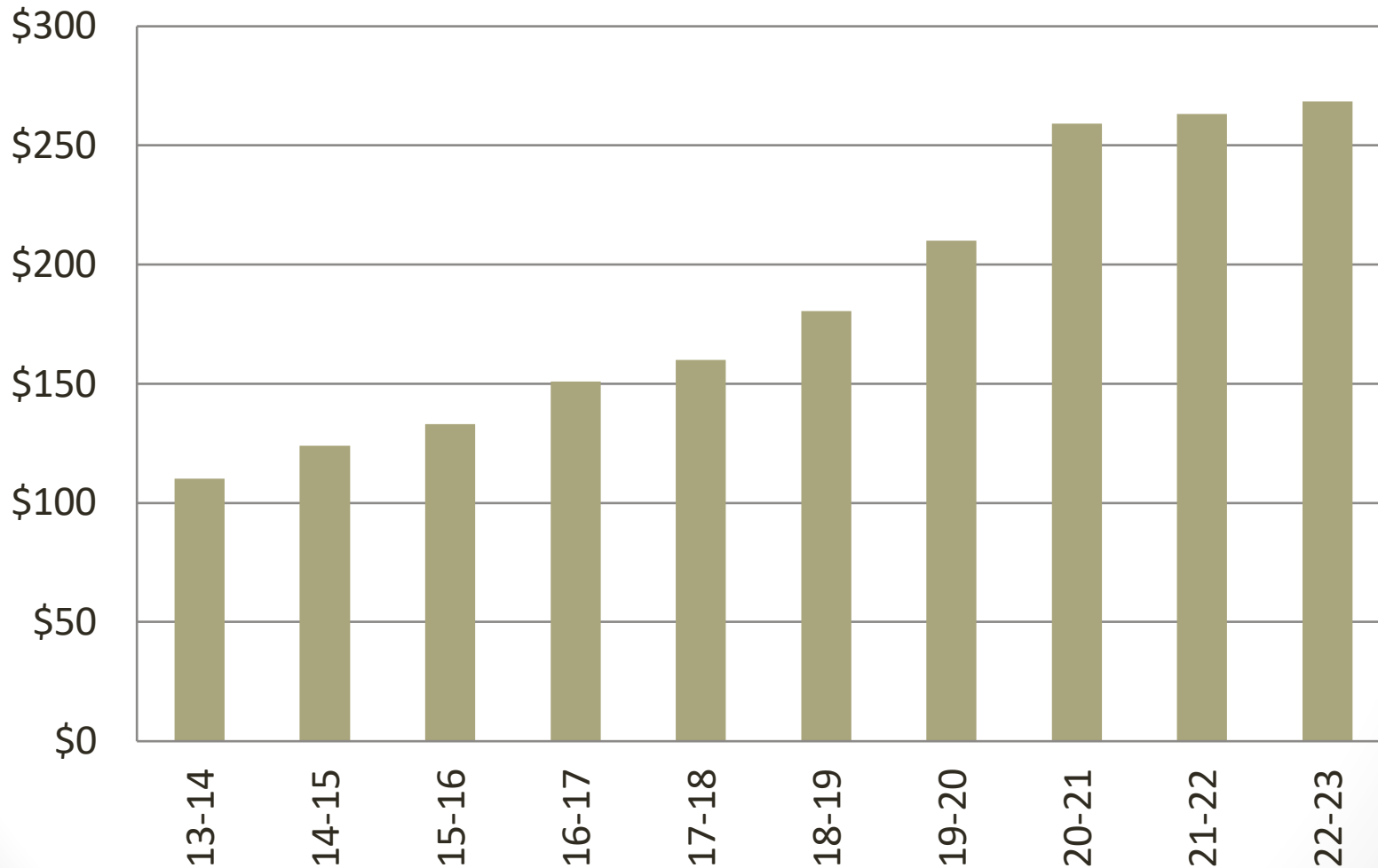
- Developmental Centers - 312 clients
- Regional Centers- 420,927 clients
- DDS Administration

Regional Center Contracts

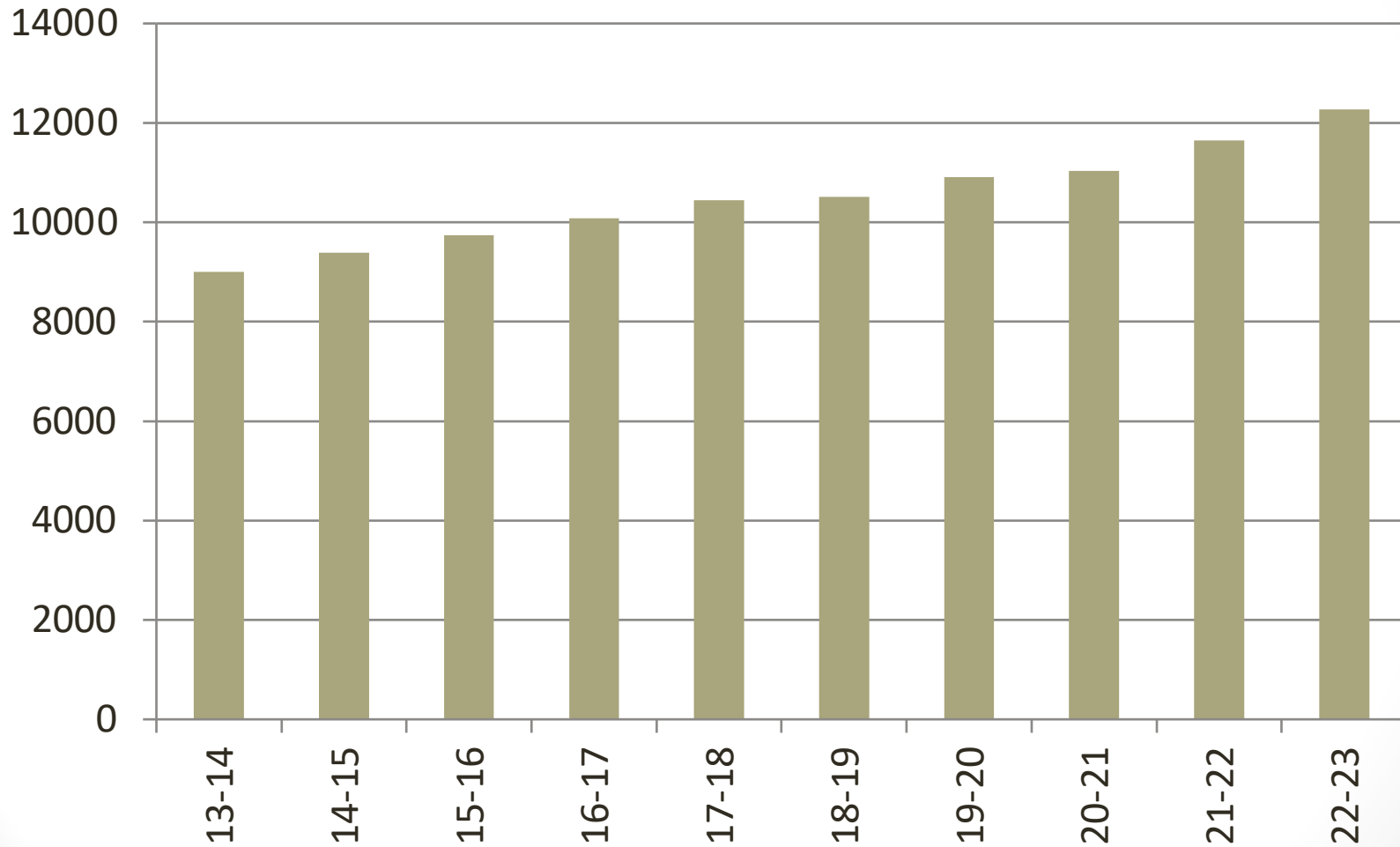


No more than 15% of the total operations budget (about 2% of total RC budget) may be spent for administrative purposes, which are defined in law.

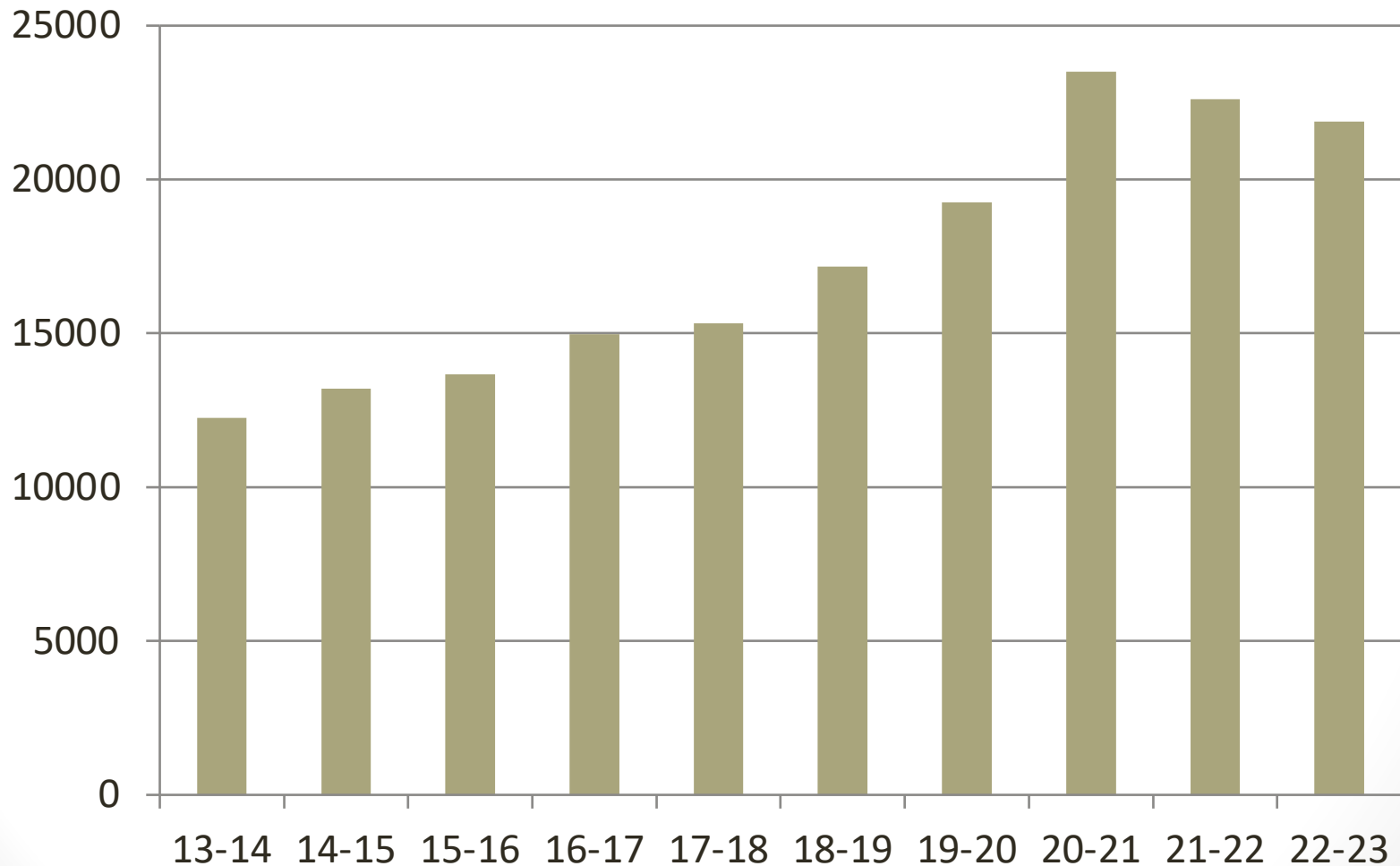
FDLRC POS Spending 2013-14 to 2022-23



FDLRC Client Population Growth 2013-14 to 2022-23



FDLRC Annual Per Client POS Spending 2013-14 to 2022-23



BUDGET SUMMARY

- In terms of POS spending, Lanterman is neither among the highest nor lowest in the state.
- Over 40% of regional center funding comes from the Federal Government; state policy decisions are often driven by the potential receipt of federal dollars which bring with them significant additional requirements, restrictions, and workload impacts.
- Caseloads remain high as the basic staffing formula remains inadequate, and Operations funding has not increased in proportion to client population. FY 2023-24 budget commits funding for reducing caseloads for 0-5 years of age.
- After many years of service provider rates being frozen, providers have seen some rate relief in the last few years. Recently approved state budget promises ongoing funding through fiscal year 2025-26 for provider rate increases based on the DDS 2019 Rate Study.

Trailer Bill Language

- *AB 121 is this year's developmental services Trailer Bill Language (TBL).*
- Trailer Bill Language is the implementing language of the California State Budget – essentially giving direction as to how to use some of the specific funding.

Provisional Eligibility

Provisional eligibility is expanded to include all children under 5 years of age.

- If a child is not otherwise eligible for regional center services, the child shall be provisionally eligible for regional center services if the child has a disability that is not solely physical in nature and has significant functional limitations in at least **two** of the following areas of major life activity, as determined by a regional center and as appropriate to the age of the child:
 - (i) Self-care.
 - (ii) Receptive and expressive language.
 - (iii) Learning.
 - (iv) Mobility.
 - (v) Self-direction.

Remote IFSP/IPP Meetings

- The option for remote meetings has been extended to June 30, 2024
- Remote meetings are at the family's request and not the standard practice of the regional center.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services

- Cannot be contingent upon parent participation, though the benefits of participation can be highlighted.
 - Lanterman's on-line behavioral training is a good way for families to know what to expect when receiving ABA services.

Service Not available via Health Insurance

- When medical/dental services are not available via health insurance within 60 days, regional centers will purchase
 - Intended to resolve the program of delays or 'gap funding'
 - Once the service becomes available from the health plan, the regional center will end the funding

Social Recreation

- Regional centers cannot
 - Require families to use up IHSS
 - Require families exchange respite or other services or
 - Require families to pay co-pays

Office of Employment First

- Created by the Health and Human services Agency
 - Focus on major policies and goals related to employment for adults served by regional centers

Service Provider incentives

- **Service Provider Incentive Measures** focus on client outcomes such as health and employment; specific to employment there will be a new module in the SANDIS data base to improve data collection.
- DDS is also working on a training stipend for Direct Support Professionals (DSP) as well as for bilingual staff and a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a DSP University, which will provide training for DSP and supervisors. The DSP University is probably still a year or so before implementation.

Provider Rate Models

- Rate models to be updated regularly to account for minimum wage beginning July 2, 2024

The Lanterman 18 Month Performance Plan

Achievements for 2023

Living Options

Goal: To provide our clients with appropriate living options.

Plan:

- Continue our efforts to move our clients out of large institutions by developing homes in the community to meet the unique needs of these clients.
- Partner with Family Home Agencies to create more living opportunities for our adult clients.
- Continue to review needs of clients living in large facilities to evaluate potential to move to a smaller, more home-like setting.
- Provide financial planning training to clients and families who desire to live independently.

Family Support

Goal: To provide ongoing support to families via the Koch-Young Resource Center.

Plan:

- Provide technical assistance to support groups.
- Provide families with peer support partners.
- Promote information and referral services of regional center and generic resources.
- Provide parents with SCAT training to help them become more effective advocates for their children.

Employment

Goal: To secure integrated and competitive employment for our clients.

Plan:

- Work with SELPAs, Department of Rehabilitation and supported employment providers to assist clients transitioning from school to work.
- The Employment Specialist will work with Service Providers to ensure they report client earnings and job related information.

Employment (continued)

- The Employment Specialist will meet regularly with Service Coordinators.
- The Employment Specialist will conduct at least two trainings for families to promote Employment for their family members.
- Establish a baseline of adults who report integrated employment as a goal in their IPP.
- The Employment Specialist will collect and maintain a database to track information on Paid Internships (PIP) and Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE).

Health & Safety

Goal: To assure that our clients have access to appropriate medical care and are free from neglect and abuse.

Plan:

- Continue collaboration with Clinica Romero (FQHC) to assist Lanterman families to locate a medical home.
- Conduct 1 Reproductive Health and Self Advocacy training programs.
- Consult with potential partners such as DMH, local health care plans, vendored providers, and community resources to identify resources to increase access to mental health services.
- Work with LA Care and HealthNet to ensure that clients enrolled in health plans are receiving the needed services.
- Conduct training of service providers on client rights and mandatory abuse reporting.
- Review all special incident reports and ensure appropriate follow-up on abuse issues.
- Conduct 1 training programs focused on personal safety and on sexual abuse and exploitation risk reduction.

Disparity

Goal: To continue the Center's efforts to reduce purchase of service disparities.

Plan:

- Focus efforts on respite services: track purchases by ethnicity, age and language and also provide training on the respite service standards to families.
- Translate Individual Program Plans into the family's preferred language.
- Analyze per capita purchase of service expenditures by primary language.
- Utilize information from National Core Indicators (NCI) surveys to measure level of client/family satisfaction with services and supports.

Compliance Indicators

- Achieve an audit outcome with no first tier findings.
- Demonstrate substantial compliance with DDS fiscal audit.
- Make accurate POS fiscal projections.
- Operate within the Center's operations budget.
- Maintain certification to participate in Medicaid Waiver.
- Demonstrate compliance with vendor audit requirements.
- Complete intake/assessments and IFSP/IPPs within required timeframes for all new clients, 0-3 and over age 3.
- Demonstrate compliance with IPP development requirements in the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- Demonstrate compliance with IFSP development requirements in Title 17.

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