

Themes and Trends in Developmental Services

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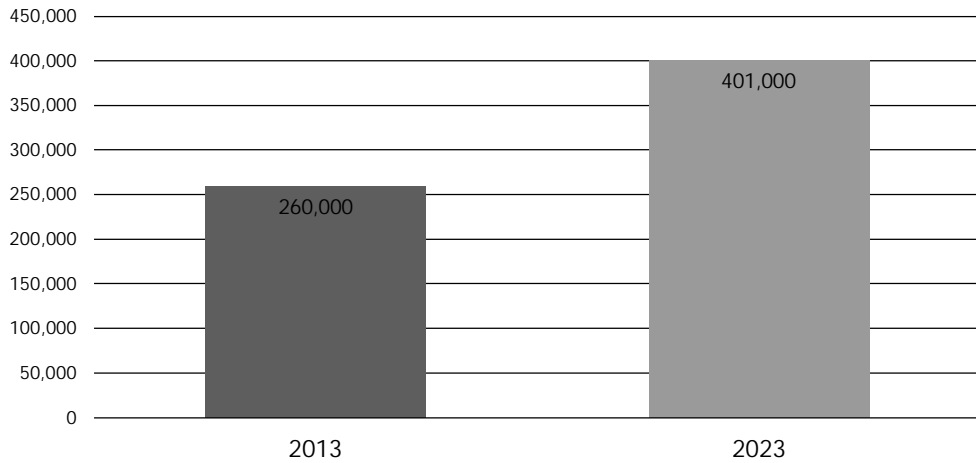
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Themes and Trends

-  **Who we're serving**
Growing caseload
Changing needs
-  **Where we're heading**
DDS Vision
Guiding Principles
-  **What is changing**
Transformational Changes

Consumer Population – 10 year view

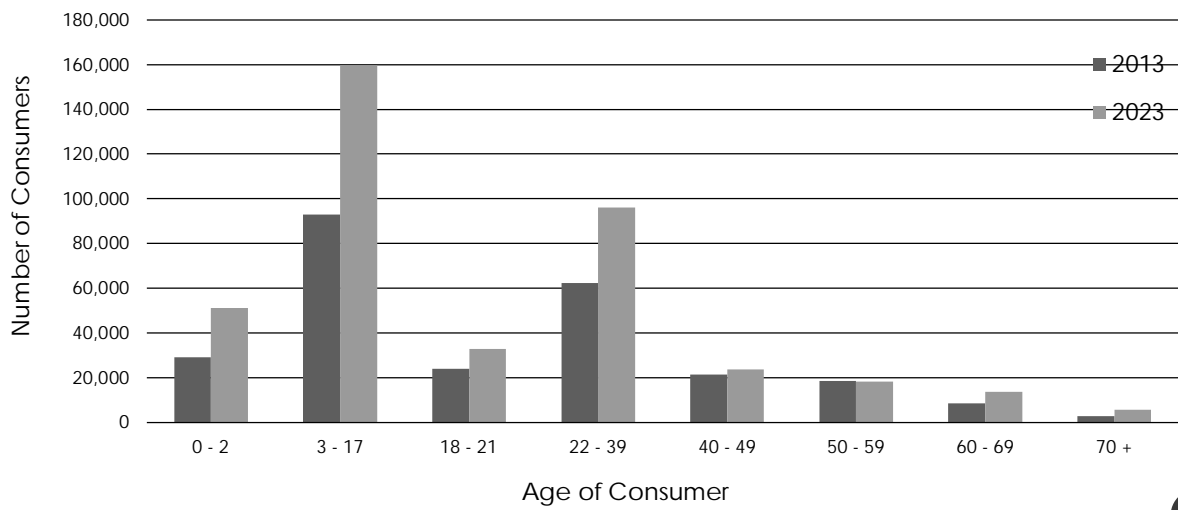


Includes Early Start (0-2) and Lanterman (3+)

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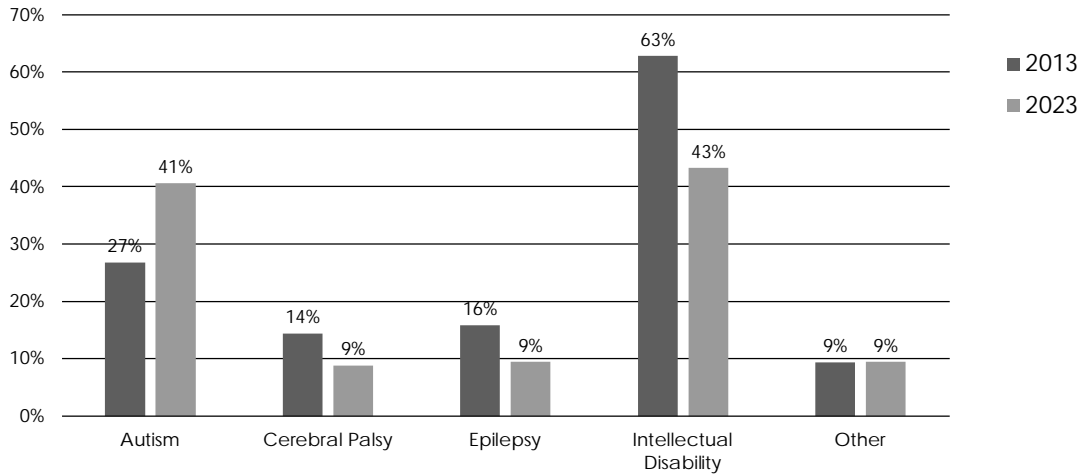
Consumer Population by Age – 10 year view



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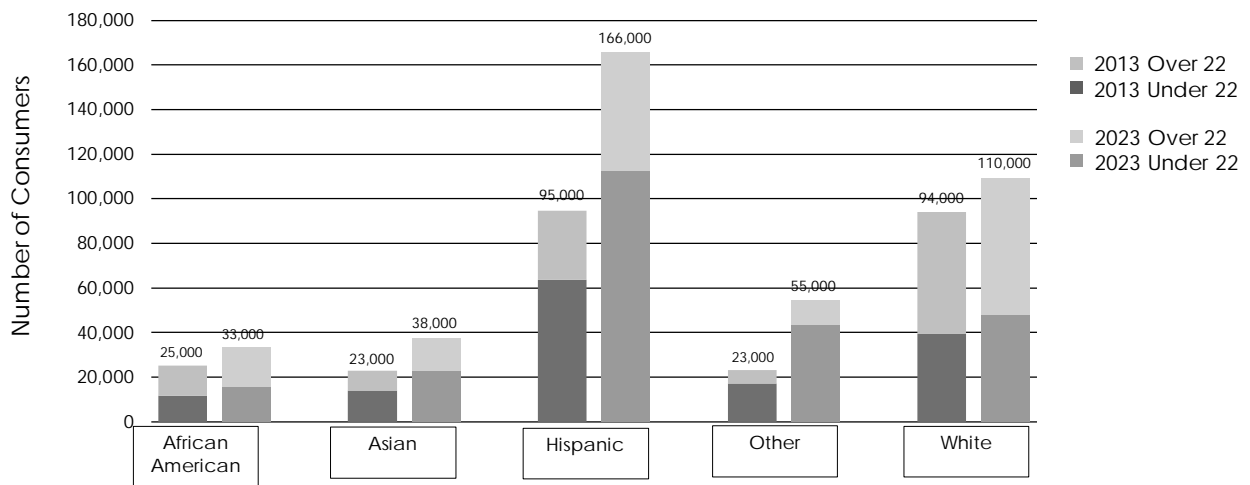
Consumer Population by Diagnosis – 10 year view



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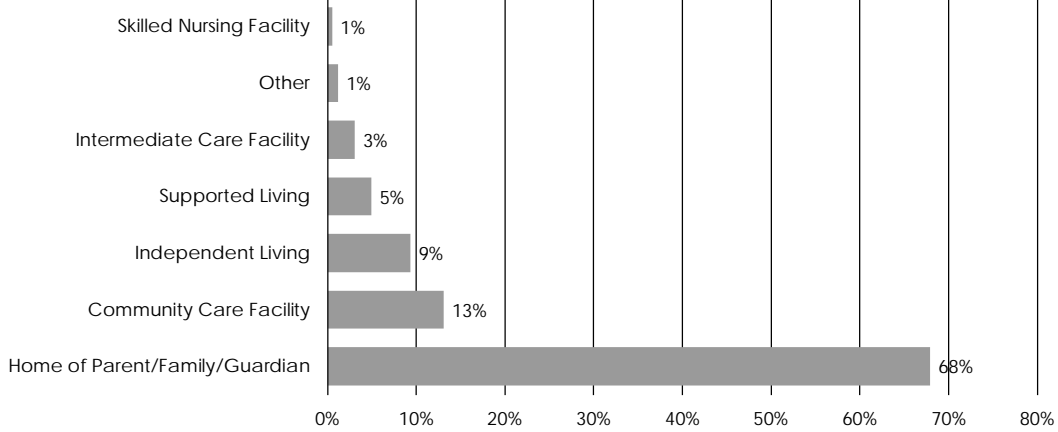
Consumer Population by Ethnicity & Age – 10 year view



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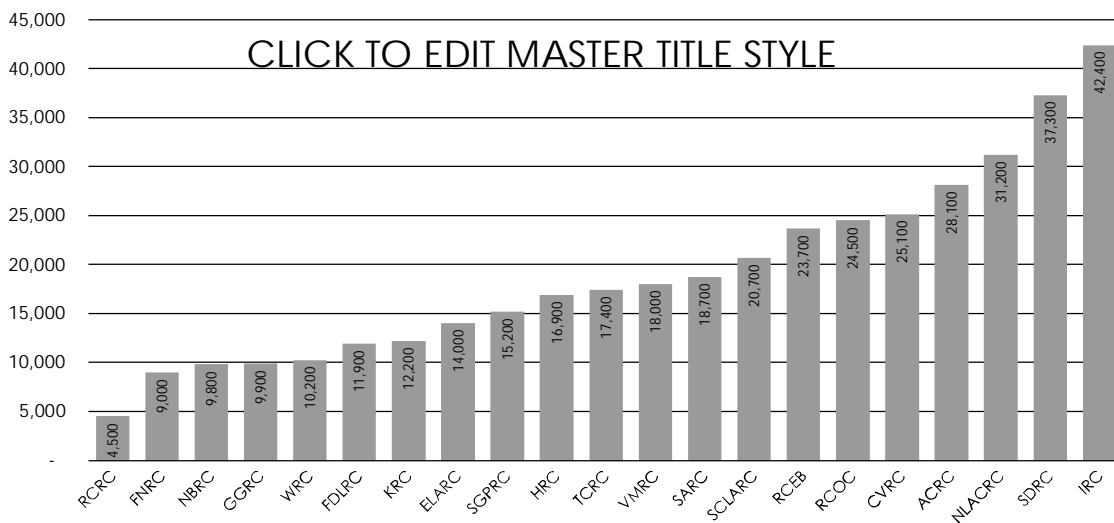
Consumer Population by Living Arrangement – Ages 18 and up



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Regional Center Populations



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Source: CMF data for Status 1, 2, 8 and U consumers as of January 2023

CA DDS Vision and Guiding Principles

California Department of Developmental Services Vision

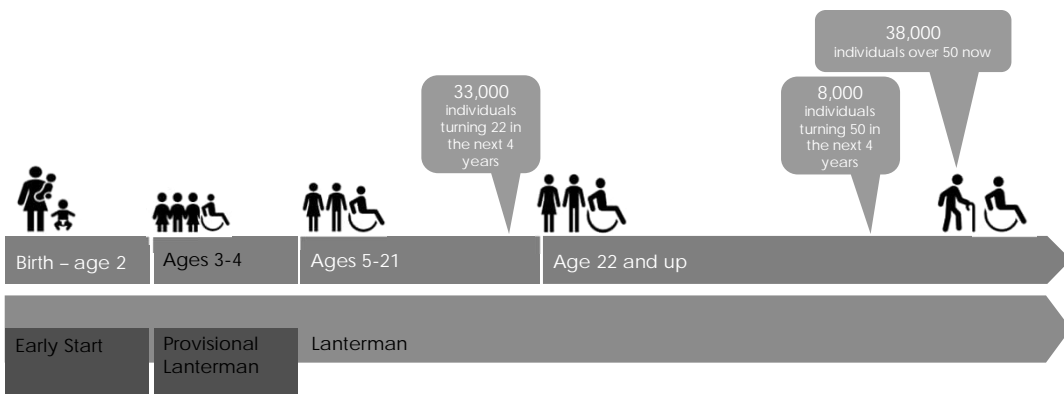
People with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience respect for their culture and language preferences, their choices, beliefs, values, needs, and goals, from a person-centered service system made up of a network of community agencies that provide high quality, outcome-based and equitable services.




Guiding Principles Supporting the Vision




Across the Lifespan




Transforming the Developmental Services System




Individual and Family Experiences




Outreach, Information and Resources



Service Provider Capacity and Access to Services



Data and Information Technology Infrastructure




Accountability and Oversight

Empowering the Individual with information, communication and decision-making

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Transforming the Developmental Services System



Individual and Family Experiences

Improving the individual and family experience entering and navigating the system

- Early Childhood*
- Inclusion*
- Eligibility and intake
- Service coordination
- Access to information
- Self-Determination
- Standardization - Targeted

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* More to follow

Early Childhood

Early Start Information Packet

Outreach to Tribal Communities

Implicit Bias Training for Regional Centers

Early Start Eligibility

- Expanded 2022 to increase access to services

Lanterman Act Provisional Eligibility for Ages 3 and 4

- Established 2021 to support children who have historically been diagnosed with a developmental disability at a later age



Early Childhood



Regional Center Performance Measures – Early Start

- Child Find plans
- Timely access to services

Services at the

Service Coordinator Ratios for Children Ages 0-5

Transitions from Part C to B

child's life

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Part C

- Family wellness pilot program
- Development of culturally and linguistically sensitive services
- Outreach and education to underserved populations
- Technology to improve access to the Early Start program
- Increased technical assistance and monitoring

Camping, Social Recreation and Other Services



Camp services and associated travel expenses



Social recreation activities



Educational services for children ages 3 through 17



Nonmedical therapies including, but not limited to specialized recreation, art, dance, and music

Suspended July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2021

Restored July 1, 2021

Regional Centers developed outreach plans to inform communities and revised POS policies

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Social Recreation Grants

For children and adolescents with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to develop friendships from opportunities provided by integrated and inclusive social and recreational programs in local communities

- \$12.5 million in one-time funding
- Priorities identified through engagement with families, self-advocates, regional centers, community-based organizations, local park and recreation entities
- 104 projects awarded in February 2023, beginning now
- Projects in all 21 regional centers, services in more than 21 languages
- Projects provide community connectors, training, financial assistance, culturally and linguistically sensitive services, building or setting modification, transportation and vendorization assistance

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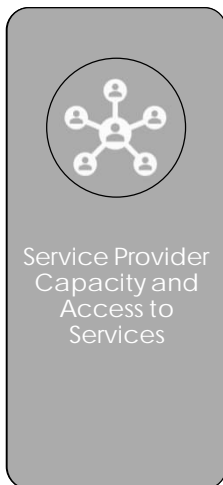
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Increasing outreach and information for individuals and families about the developmental services system

- Early Start Information packets
- Online directories
- Targeted stakeholder engagement
- Workgroup meetings open to the public, materials online
- Office of the Ombudsperson

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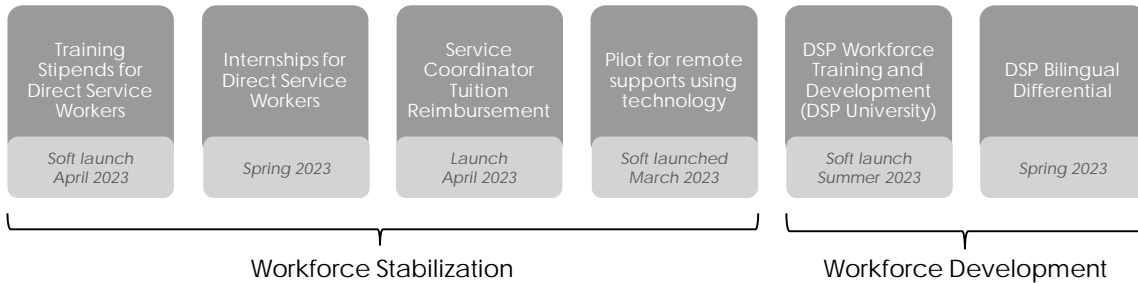
Building a strong network of service providers that represent our diverse communities and furthering our efforts to reduce disparities in access to services

- Workforce*
- Cultural diversity and language access
- Remote service delivery
- Employment*
- Safety Net
- Identifying and addressing disparities
- Standardizing vendorization processes

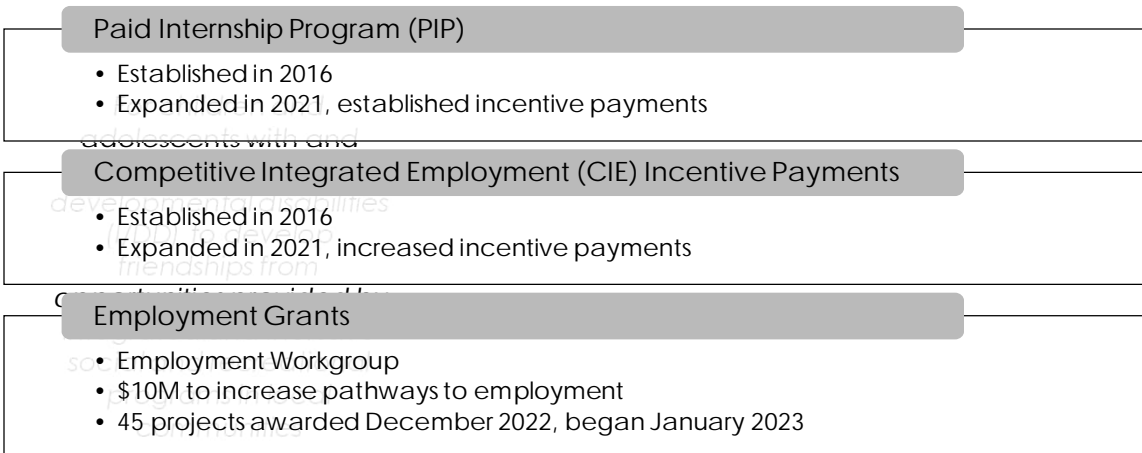
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Workforce Initiatives

- Direct service worker workforce challenges
- Several initiatives to retain, increase, and support direct service workers
- Recruiting entry-level workers, developing career paths within the system
- Recognize the value of workers with first-hand experience within the service system



Employment



Employment (continued)

Quality Incentive Program - Employment

- Establishes additional incentive payments for CIE
- Establishes incentive payments for employee certification as specialists

Regional Center Performance Measures - Employment

- Establishes incentive payments for meeting or exceeding targets for CIE
- Data collection for number of consumers interested in or participating in CID

Regional Center Employment Specialists

Person-Centered Career Pathway Pilot Program – 3 year pilot

- Focus on competitive integrated employment, postsecondary education, and career readiness for individuals with developmental disabilities exiting work activity programs or secondary education
- Will be developed in consultation with stakeholders

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Strengthening data collection and public reporting and providing individuals direct access to their own records

- New consumer electronic record management system
- New regional center billing system
- Consumer and Family Access
- Online directories and surveys
- Data dashboards and transparency

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Updating statewide oversight to look beyond compliance with laws and regulations, to focus on the outcomes of service delivery

- Regional Center Boards
- Satisfaction surveys
- Outcome-based measures
- Compliance and transparency

STATUTE & REGULATIONS

- [Early Start Laws and Regulations - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)
- [Lanterman Act and Related Laws - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)
- [Laws & Regulations - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)

RESOURCES & LINKS

- [Regional Center Map](#)
- [Regional Center Lookup Tool](#)
- [Regional Center Eligibility & Services](#)
- [Regional Center Services & Descriptions](#) (available in multiple languages)
- [Resources for Families, Parents & Caregivers](#)
- [Early Start Neighborhood](#)
- [Family Resources Centers Network of California](#)
- [State Interagency Coordinating Council \(ICC\) on Early Intervention](#)
- [Effective Early Childhood Transitions: A Guide for Transition at Age Three — Early Start to Preschool \(ca.gov\)](#)
- [“The Story of Max”](#) video provides an overview of the intake & IFSP process

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