

TEAMING WITH REGIONAL CENTER: SCREENING, CONSENT & REFERRAL PROCESS

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DCFS Regional Center Section

TRAINING AGENDA

- ▶ CAPTA and IDEA requirements
- ▶ Developmental Screenings
- ▶ Regional Center Eligibility Criteria
- ▶ Referral and Consent process
- ▶ Regional Center Application/Evaluation Time Frames
- ▶ Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) and Individual Program Plan (IPP)
- ▶ Dual Agency Rates
- ▶ Social Security Income screening at age 16.5
- ▶ Extended Foster Care
- ▶ Resources

Core Practice Model



Basic Knowledge, Values, Principles, Legal Mandates

LAWS THAT APPLY TO DCFS & REGIONAL CENTERS

CAPTA

- ▶ Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act -2010
- ▶ Federal requirements for assessing children for Regional Center 0 – 36 months.
- ▶ Best Practice-CAPTA applies to any child 0- 36 months in a household where allegations have been substantiated, on any child in the home.

www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/about.cfm

IDEA

- ▶ Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-2010
- ▶ Part B applies to children 3 and over (special education services through the school district).
- ▶ Part C applies to children under 3, and is implemented Early Start Program. This program falls under the provisions of the Early Intervention Services Act.

<http://idea.ed.gov>

LAWS THAT APPLY TO DCFS & REGIONAL CENTERS

▶ Lanterman Act

- ▶ Established the California Regional Centers
- ▶ Gives people with developmental disabilities the right to services and supports that will allow them to live a more normal and independent life.
(Cal. Welfare & Institutions Code § 4500 et seq)
- ▶ Consumers have the right to decide what kind of support they want and need. They also have the right to make choices about their lives.

REGIONAL CENTER PROGRAMS

- Early Intervention Services Program
 - Provides in-home educational and support services.
- Lanterman Act Services
 - For children under 3 with a developmental disability- i.e.-
Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy
- Family Resource Centers –www.frcnca.org
 - Support services for children and families
- Preventive Services
 - Genetic testing and counseling for persons at risk of parenting a child with a developmental disability-

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Children 0-36 months

Have an established risk condition:

- ▶ **Down Syndrome**
- ▶ **Epilepsy**
- ▶ **Cerebral Palsy**
- ▶ **Low Incidence Disability**
*i.e. vision/hearing impairment. Always attach
a hospital summary to the referral*

EXPANSION OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

An infant or toddler “under the age of 3 years ” must have a “significant difference” as the result of parental pre-natal risk factors

i.e.-substance abuse, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, High blood pressure

defined as:

a 33 % delay in one or more of the five domains

(Example: 18 month old presenting as a 12 month old)

*Cognitive, Physical/Motor, Communication,
Social /Emotional, Adaptive/Self Help*

SB 856

WHAT TO LOOK FOR DURING AN OBSERVATION

- ▶ **Child's physical development to assess for indicators of Abuse & Neglect**

Head injury, failure to thrive, shaken baby syndrome, etc.

- ▶ **Conduct a visual inspection as indicated**

Carefully review and ensure that you comply with all elements of the policy on visual inspection of children.

- ▶ **If the child is asleep, ask the caregiver to wake the child**

- ▶ **If the child is unconscious, call 911**

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES CHECKLIST



- Hold infant
- Visually inspect infant
- Ask about sleeping patterns
- Ask about eating pattern
- Ask about weight gain

Initiate and provide caregiver with a
Developmental Milestones Checklist
to track child's continued growth

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES CHECKLIST

- Play with the child
- Patty Cake, Itsy Bitsy Spider
- Observe fine and gross motor skills
- Ask if the child is walking
- Ask how the child feeds themselves
- Ask what words the child says



Continue to complete Milestones Checklist with caregiver during all home visits

ACTIVITY

Let's practice our Skills

- ▶ Home call, child is 0-36 months
- ▶ Identify Developmental Milestones
- ▶ Apply Core Practice Model



- * Engaging *Teaming
- * Assessing *Planning & Intervening
- * Tracking and adapting

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE LANTERMAN ACT PROGRAM

The disabling condition:

- ▶ Is expected to continue indefinitely,
- ▶ Originates before age of 18, and
- ▶ Does not include conditions which are "*solely*" physical, learning disabling, or psychiatric in nature. (17 CCR § 54000).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE LANTERMAN ACT PROGRAM

DIAGNOSED DISABILITY AND SIGNIFICANT FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS

- ▶ **Intellectual Disability,**
I Q score 70 or less
- ▶ **Autism Spectrum Disorders**
occurring prior to age 3 & six out of the 12 characteristics as defined in DSM.
- ▶ **Cerebral Palsy**
- ▶ **Epilepsy or**
- ▶ **The “Fifth Category”**
 - A disabling condition found similar to intellectual disability *or*
 - requires treatment similar to that required for persons with intellectual disability.

In three or more of the following areas:

- ▶ **Self-Care**
- ▶ **Receptive and Expressive Language**
- ▶ **Learning**
- ▶ **Mobility**
- ▶ **Self-Direction**
- ▶ **Capacity for Independent Living and**
- ▶ **Economic Self-Sufficiency.**

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Describe in writing how youth is impaired in above areas

WHO CAN PROVIDE CONSENT / MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING RC SERVICES?

CHILD UNDER 3

The Holder of Educational Rights:

- ▶ The parent or legal guardian (if Educational Rights have *not* been limited)
- ▶ **DCFS 179-MH** (Both Sides) & **179-PHI** signed by the parent or legal guardian or minute order if other person(s) appointed.
- ▶ RC will obtain from parent/guardian all other subsequent necessary consent.

CHILD OVER 3

The Holder of Developmental Services Decision-Making rights:

- ▶ The parent or legal guardian (if DSDM rights have *not* been limited)
- ▶ **DCFS 179-MH** (Both Sides) & **179-PHI** signed by the parent or legal guardian or minute order if other person(s) appointed.
- ▶ RC will obtain from parent/guardian all other subsequent necessary consent.

HOLDER OF EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DECISION MAKER

- The Parent(s) maintain the right to make educational / developmental decisions, unless court limits these rights.
- CSWs need to actively engage parents in assessing their child's developmental and academic progress.
- A parent's ability to make decisions regarding their child's development and education is an important part of a CSW's on-going family assessment.

If the Parents Are Unable/ Unwilling to Make Educational/ Developmental Decisions, who Can the CSW recommend as a Holder of these Rights?

- Foster Parent
- Family Member
- Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
- Volunteer Educational/ Developmental Advocate

WHO CAN NOT BE APPOINTED AS A HOLDER OF EDUCATIONAL/ DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS?

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- **CSWs**

Can not authorize an IPP/IFSP/IEP. CSWs are encouraged to attend all meetings and sign as a participant.

- **Child's attorney**

- **Therapist**

- **Group home staff**

Can not authorize an IPP/IFSP/IEP, yet are also encouraged to attend all meeting and sign as a participant.

- **Anyone with a conflict of Interest**

LIMITING A PARENT'S EDUCATION /DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS

▶ **Always Consult with Child's attorney...**

Minor's attorneys can help identify the ERH and DSDM or assist with having one appointed.

▶ **Utilize Set Court Hearings to Notice parents of Recommendation to limit rights and include in the Court Report Recommendations section.**

Attach the JV 535: Court order that limits parent's right to make educational/ Developmental decisions and appoints a responsible adult.

▶ **Walk on Recommendations:**

Complete the DCFS 1727 attach JV 535 - send to Court Liaison Office

Note:

- **At every hearing advise the court of who holds Education Rights and Developmental Services Rights in the youth's court report.**
- **Document in CWS/CMS Education and Health Notebooks.**

LIMITING A PARENT'S EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND/ OR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DECISION MAKING RIGHTS

<p>Parent(s) is unable to hold education /developmental rights or make sound decisions on behalf of child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Whereabouts Unknown •Untreated mental health symptoms or chronic drug abuse •Refuses to address best interests of child •Parent repeatedly does not respond or attend school or Regional Center meetings. •Deceased 	<p>Established Hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Status Reviews •.26 •Interim <p>Walk on</p> <p>Parent(s) or their attorney objects to limitation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add to existing hearing notice recommend: limiting parent's education or developmental decision services decision rights. 2. Add to recommendations in court report 3. Complete JV 535 and attach. 4. Complete the DCFS 1727 5. Complete JV 535 6. Submit to court liaisons' office <p>Court liaison will contact CSW to notice parent and inform of calendared hearing date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the DCFS 1727 2. Complete JV 535 3. Submit to court liaisons' office
<p>Recommending termination of parental rights</p>	<p>.26 hearing</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete JV 535 and attach to court report <p>Prospective adoptive parent becomes ERH & DSDM</p>
<p>Rescinding/ terminating of legal guardianship. Always if appropriate ask guardian if they would like to maintain Educational Rights or Developmental Services Decision Maker.</p>	<p>Detention or existing hearing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete JV 535 and attach to court report <p><i>Court must specify on minute order without title of legal guardian, such as grandmother, Mary Jones is assigned as education right's holder</i></p>
<p>Parent(s) rights were previously limited. However, Education Rights holder or Developmental Services Decision Maker previously assigned needs to be changed.</p> <p>NOTE: At anytime a CSW can recommend co-holders for the above rights, shared often by a parent and/or caregiver. Above steps are the same for appointment of co-holders</p>	<p>Walk on</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete JV 535 2. Submit to court liaisons' office

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES/ EDUCATIONAL CHECKLIST



- Read with the child
- Observe fine and gross motor skills
- Ask age appropriate questions
- Have the child draw you a picture

School Performance?

- Ask about friends/ social activities
- Inquire about behavior
- Grades & standardized test scores



Time to Practice our Skills...

THE REFERRAL PROCESS: UNDER 3 AND OVER 3

- ▶ Referral (**DCFS 5004**) must be made *within 7 days* of the identification of developmental concerns.

- ▶ Be sure to discuss the reason for the referral with the caregiver/family.

- ▶ Contact the appropriate Regional Center (RC) and let them know that you would like to refer a child for Early Start or Lanterman.

- ▶ CSW submits the **DCFS 5004 (created using the DCFS Referral Portal on LA Kids)** with **Attachments**:
 - Parent still holds Rights: DCFS 179-MH and DCFS 179 PHI,
 - Holder appointed through court: JV535 an/or Minute Order

Send to the identified Regional Center

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CENTERS

- ▶ Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC)
- ▶ Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center (FDLRC)
- ▶ Harbor Regional Center (HRC)
- ▶ North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC)
- ▶ San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SGPRC)
- ▶ South Los Angeles Regional Center (SLARC)
- ▶ Westside Regional Center (WRC)
- ▶ Inland Regional Center
- ▶ To locate center using zip code of child's address:
www.dds.ca.gov

THE REGIONAL CENTER ASSESSMENT PROCESS & TIMEFRAMES

EARLY START - UNDER 3

- ▶ Regional Center will complete a *comprehensive developmental evaluation* in all 5 domains:
 - ▶ Cognitive, Physical/Motor, Communication, Social/Emotional and Adaptive
- ▶ RC has *45 calendar days* from date of referral to complete assessments and hold an **Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting** if the child is eligible for Regional Center services.

LANTERMAN- OVER 3

- ▶ Regional Center will complete a **comprehensive developmental assessment**.
- ▶ RC has *120 calendar days* to complete assessments;
- ▶ However: Regional Center has only *60 days* if the *120 day* timeline could cause significant further delay in development, risk to health & safety, or result in a more restrictive placement.

INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLAN (IFSP)

For children *under 3*

- ▶ Contract between client/family (Holder of Educational Rights/Developmental Services Decision Maker) and the Regional Center.
- ▶ Must list all of the early intervention services and supports in the home environment.
- ▶ Must be reviewed every *6 months* (face to face/phone call)*
- ▶ A request for an IFSP meeting can be made at any time.*

* **CSW should be present at every meeting/review.**

INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAM PLAN (IPP)

For children over 3 years

- ▶ Contract between consumer (HER/DSDM) and the Regional Center;
- ▶ IPP must be a person-centered plan;
- ▶ Life goals, based on needs and preferences, and current functional abilities.
- ▶ Must be held *within 60 days* of completion of assessment;
- ▶ Must be held *every three years* but usually done every year.
 - ▶ Effective January 1, 2015, "The RC representative ***must meet with the consumer once a quarter*** to discuss the goals to meet the IPP objectives.
 - ▶ ***At least two (2) of those meetings must occur at the consumers residence and the facility representative must be present"***
- ▶ Consumer/ DSDM can request an IPP meeting at any time. It must be held *within 30 days* of the request.

DOCUMENTING REGIONAL CENTER ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION IN CWS/CMS

- Document on CWS/CMS child is receiving Early Intervention or Lanterman Act.
 - Include:
 - Date the child was made eligible for Regional Center Services
 - Diagnosis
 - Regional Center providing services
 - Regional Center Services Coordinator- name and phone number
 - RC statewide identifier (UCI #)

ENTERING REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES INTO CWS/CMS

1) CLICK ON BLUE BOX
2) CLICK ON FAMILY

SELECT CHILD THEN
CLICK OK

Local	ID	Name	Start Date	End Date
1	1270-0709-5690-9026979	Bunny, Bugs	08/30/2001	

	Name	Age(Yrs)	Gender	Birth Date	Alert
1	Bunny, Mommy	50	Female	10/10/1964	
2	Case_Test	19	Male	02/22/1996	
3	Duck, Daffy	0	Male	03/05/2015	

Client Services - Case [Bunny, Bugs] - [Client (Case Focus Child) [Test Case]]

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Summary ID Demog Address Names Related Clients ID Num Juv. Crt. # Search Log AFDCFC Attorneys Service Providers I.C.W.A. Adoption Info AAP Eligibility

Name and Identification

Client Information

Prefix First Middle Last Suffix Name Type
 Test Case Legal

Gender Marital Status SSN Client Index Number (CIN) Alien Registration #
 Male

Driver's License - State/Number Date of Birth or Age and Age Unit Client Number
 02/22/1996 19 Years

Outstanding Warrant Exists

Other Client Information

IDWA Eligible Incapacitated Parent
 Yes No Not Asked Pending
 Yes No Unknown Not Applicable

Child has Indian Ancestry

Indian Ancestry Notification

County	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

County Date Informed

Language

Primary Language
 English

Secondary Language

Literate
 Yes No Unknown Not Applicable

Race/Eth

Specify R
 Primary Et
 White

Unable to

Other Eth

Hispanic
 Yes No Declin Unabl

Unable to Determine - Reason

Open Notebook

Select Item to Open
 Health Load

OK Cancel Sort... Help

For this Client

	Name	Age(Yrs)	Gender	Birth Date
1	Bunny, Morriay	50	Female	10/10/1964
2	Case, Test	19	Male	02/22/1996
3	Duck, Dally	0	Male	03/05/2015

Open this Health

	Health
1	Current Record for Case, Test

Safety Alert Information

Activation Date	Reason	Deactivation Date
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Ready [Case [Bunny, Bugs] > Client (Case Focus Child) [Test Case]]

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Client Services - Case [Bunny, Bugs] - [Health [Test Case]]

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Summary Diagnosed Condition Observed Condition Medications Hospitalizations Medical Tests Referrals Immunization Well Child Birth History Screenings

Screenings and Referrals

Screenings

+ Date	Type	Screened by	Results
1 01/22/2001	Initial Developmental 0-3 Years Old	Health Care Provider	Referral for Services

Date: 01/22/2001 Type: Initial Developmental 0-3 Years Old Screened By: Health Care Provider

Results: Referral for Services No Referral Needed

Comments:

Referrals

+ Referral Date	Referral Type	Referred To
1 01/04/2001	Developmental	Regional Center

Referral Date: 01/04/2001 Referral Type: Developmental Referred To: Regional Center Out of County

Outcome of Referral: Accepted Not Accepted Outcome Date: 03/01/2001 Consent Type: Parent/Legal Guardian Consent on File Date: 01/22/2001

Intervention Plan

+ Start Date	Plan Type	End Reason	End Date
1 03/12/2001	Initial Developmental	Goals Met	03/03/2003

Start Date: 03/12/2001 Plan Type: Initial Developmental

End Reason: Goals Met End Date: 03/03/2003

Comments:

Plan Detail

+ Start Date	Recommended Intervention Choices	End Date
1 03/12/2001	Communication	03/03/2003
2 03/12/2001	Early Intervention Services/IFSP	03/03/2003
3 03/12/2001	Gross/Fine Motor	03/03/2003

Ready Case [Bunny, Bugs] -> Client [] -> Health [Test Case]

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CLICK ON THE SUMMARY TAB THEN

SELECT THE SCREENINGS TAB TO ENTER INFORMATION REGARDING ANY DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS, REFERRALS FOR REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES AND TO DOCUMENT INTERVENTION PLANS.

THE STATE IS TRACKING ALL EARLY DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS, SO BE SURE TO START YOUR PROCESS ON THIS PAGE.

Client Services - Case [Bunny, Bugs] - [Health [Test Case]]

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Summary Diagnosed Condition Observed Condition Medications Hospitalizations Medical Tests Referrals Immunization Well Child Birth History Screenings

Summary

Sensitive Health & Medical Information is on file for this person Individual Health Care Plan on File for Special Needs Child

Limitation Put on Substitute Care Provider's Ability to Make Health Decisions

Summary of Current Health Condition

YOUTH RECEIVED EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FROM LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER. YOUTH RECEIVED SPEECH AND PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR 2 YEARS.

YOUTH DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR LANTERMAN REGIONAL SERVICES THROUGH SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CENTER ON 7/5/2004, WITH DIAGNOSIS OF MODERATE MENTAL RETARDATION/ INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY. RC UC# 5555555. YOUTH'S CASE MANAGER IS BETTY SUE (213) 777-5555.

YOUTH MOVED SERVICES TRANSFERRED TO NORTH LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER ON 3/1/12. CASE MANAGER, GEORGE SMITH CAN BE REACHED AT 818-555-5555.

Has this child been clinically diagnosed as having a disability(ies)?

Yes No Not Yet Determined

Dual-Agency Services Received

	Provided By	Start Date	End Date
+	←		
1	Regional Center	07/05/2004	
2	Regional Center	03/02/2001	03/03/2003

Provided By: Other:

Provided By: Other:

Start Date: End Date:

- **CLICK ON THE PLUS BUTTON**
 - **CHOOSE REGIONAL CENTER IN THE DROP DOWN MENU UNDER PROVIDED BY**
 - **ENTER THE ELIGIBILITY START DATE**
- DOCUMENT UNDER SUMMARY**
- **TYPE OF REGIONAL CENTER SERVICE EARLY INTERVENTION OR LANTERMAN**
 - **DATE OF ELIGIBILITY**
 - **DIAGNOSIS**
 - **SERVICING REGIONAL CENTER**
 - **REGIONAL CENTER STATE ID/ UC#**

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Special Project

Special Project Name

+ Special Project Name

1 S-Approved Non-Relative Home

2 S-Tribal Customary Adoption

Special Project Name Start Date End Date

San Gabriel/Pomona RC - Approv

San Diego RC - Denied

San Gabriel/Pomona RC - Approv

San Gabriel/Pomona RC - Denied

SCSW Approved TILP on File

SCSW Approved TILP on File 01

SCSW Approved TILP on File 02

SCSW Approved TILP on File 03

SCSW Approved TILP on File 04

SCSW Approved TILP on File 05

SCSW Approved TILP on File 06

Start by clicking + to add new information:

All California Centers are placed in alphabetical order. Select the Regional Center and Approved for child made eligible or is now receiving services from a new center, in cases of child replacement.

Select Denied if child was found ineligible.

Note: If child has moved to a new center remember to end date the prior servicing center.

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CHILD UNDER 3/ OVER 3 IS FOUND INELIGIBLE FOR REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES

UNDER 3

- ▶ Holder of Educational Rights receives written **Notice of Action** sent by Regional Center with recommendations.
- ▶ Holder of Educational Rights must file hearing request *within 30 days* of receiving Notice of Action.
- ▶ Refer child to **community resources**
 - ▶ Family Resource Centers
 - ▶ Head Start/Early Head Start
 - ▶ LA Universal Pre-School
 - ▶ 211

OVER 3

- ▶ Developmental Services Decision Maker receives written **Notice of Action** sent by Regional Center with recommendations.
- ▶ Developmental Services Decision Maker must file hearing request *within 10 days* of receiving Notice of Action.
- ▶ Child's Attorney also receives written Notice of Action sent by Regional Center with recommendations.
- ▶ They will also receive a **Fair Hearing Packet**

REPLACEMENT OF CHILD

- ▶ Contact/Notify Regional Center Service Coordinator within **10 business** days when a child has been replaced, provide name and address of new caregiver.
- ▶ Ask if the case will remain with the current Regional Center or be transferred to a new Regional Center.
 - ▶ If case will be transferred, get the name/phone number of the new Regional Center office.
- ▶ The Regional Center Case Transfer should take 2 weeks (if submitted prior to the 15th of the month).
- ▶ Contact the Regional Center Transfer Coordinator, for the status of the case transfer and the name of the New Service Coordinator.

Apply for Dual Agency and Supplemental Rates

- Dual Agency Rates: A county licensed foster home (excludes FFA and Group home), legal guardian, relative, Non-related extended family member, Adoptive home or kin-gap'd caregiver, caring for a DCFS-Regional Center child, is Entitled to receive this rate:

\$ 1,013.00/month for children under (3) who receive Early Start Intervention Services.

\$ 2,265.00/month for children any age diagnosed with a life long developmental disability (Lanterman services).

- In addition, they can receive a Supplemental Rate of \$250, \$500, \$750, or \$1000.00 per month

CSW must complete the following DCFS forms:

SOC 835 –Multiple Questionnaire Worksheet

SOC 836- Supplemental to the Rate Eligibility Form

SOC 837- Supplemental to the Rate Questionnaire

Then submits to servicing Regional Center for review and signature and complete the DCFS 280 form for the Eligibility Worker.

When caregiver requests the above rates, CSW must initiate a DCFS 21A letter to caregiver and has 90 days to complete request.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) AB 1331

The SSI screening process should be initiated for all youth in out-of-home care at age **16.5**.

Complete the FC 1633A and submit to the SSI Unit

A Regional Center adult consumer can utilize their SSI benefits for housing, clothing and personal items. SSI becomes a stable source of income.

FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO SUCCESS

- ▶ Regional Center Consumers are eligible for:
 - ▶ Extended Foster Care- **AB 12**
 - ▶ **A Non-Minor Dependent** who is a consumer or RC services and is in a qualified placement, is eligible for the dual agency and supplement rate. Youth in a Supervised Independent Living Plan (SILP) do not qualify.
 - ▶ Extends the length of time a non-minor dependent can remain in out-of-home placement.
 - ▶ Transitional Planning Conferences must occur at age **17.5 and 20.5** with the minor/non-minor dependent. The Regional Center Services Provider, CSW , Caregiver and minor's attorney should be included.

Access Regional Center Policies by going to LA Kids, left side click on Policy

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the DCFS Child Welfare Policy Manual. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://policy.dcfslacounty.gov/Default.htm#Assessing_a_Ch. The page title is "DCFS Child Welfare Policy Manual - 0070-516.10, Assessing a Child's Development Referring to a - Internet Explorer".

The website header includes the DCFS logo and the text "Child Welfare Policy Manual" with the tagline "Child Safety • Permanency • Effective & Caring Services". There is a search bar with "Regional Center" entered and a "Find All" button. Navigation links include "Home", "Advanced Search", and "User Guide".

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The main content area shows the breadcrumb trail: "Assessments & In-Person Responses > Specialized Investigations & Services > Assessing a Child's Development & Referring to a Regional Center". The page title is "Assessing a Child's Development & Referring to a Regional Center" with a revision date of 07/01/14. The "Overview" section states: "This Policy provides staff with guidelines for assessing a child's development and well-being, and the process for referring to and collaborating with a Regional Center." Below this is a "TABLE OF CONTENTS" section with the following items:

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 - CSW Responsibilities

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- DCFS 179-MH, Consent For Mental Health And [Regional Center](#) Developmental Assessment
- DCFS 5004, Referral to the [Regional Center](#)

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- [JV-535, Findings and Orders Limiting Right to Make Educational Decisions for the Child, Appointing Educational Representative, and Determining Child's Educational Needs](#)
- [Monitoring Your Child's Development Brochure](#)

Referenced Policy Guides

- [0070-516.15](#), Screening and Assessing Children for Mental Health Services and Referral to the Coordinated Services Action Team (CSAT)
- [0070-531.10](#), Visual Inspection of Children
- [0070-560.05](#), Joint Response Referral: Consulting with PHN
- [0400-503.10](#), Contact Requirements & Exceptions
- [0600-500.00](#), Medical Hubs
- [0600-500.05](#), Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT) Assessments and Meetings
- [0600-501.09](#), Consent for Mental Health Treatment and/or Developmental Assessments and Services
- [0700-504.20](#), Referring Children for Special Education or Early Intervention Services
- [0900-511.12](#), Dual Agency Rates

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ADVOCACY AGENCIES/ RESOURCES

ALWAYS CONSULT/ NOTIFY MINOR'S ATTORNEY BEFORE CONTACTING AN OUTSIDE
ADVOCACY AGENCY

- ▶ **Department of Developmental Services**
www.dds.ca.gov
- ▶ **Disability Rights California**
www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org
- ▶ **Public Counsel**
www.publiccounsel.org
- ▶ **Family Resource Centers**
www.frcnca.org
- ▶ **CASA**
www.casa.a.org
- ▶ **211 LA County**
www.211la.org
- ▶ **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**
<http://idea.ed.gov>
- ▶ **Alliance For Children's Rights**
kids-alliance.org
- ▶ **DCFS Regional Center Section**
Regionalcentersupport@dcfs.lacounty.gov

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