

Welcome Family /Caregivers!

Agenda:

- State Budget update: Ray Smith
- Introduction: Family Alliance Coordinator, Stacey Boydell
- Supported Living Overview: Linda Sino
- Supported Living Client: Greg Thornburn

State Budget Update

State Funds use to represent close to 100% of the funding, now are about 66%



A System In Crisis

- State froze provider rates over 10 years ago
- In the past 3 ½ years, 425 community care facilities have shut down
- Staffing levels have been cut dangerously thin
- Staff pay has been frozen and purchase power has not kept up with inflation: -20% loss
 - Many now work two jobs or have quit
 - Many have been forced out of their homes



The Lanterman Coalition supports across-the-board increases

- 20% rate increase would allow the system to get back to prior 10 year level
- Governors May revised budget provided no rate increase for People with Disabilities
- After an organized calling campaign by advocates through out state:
 - Assembly and Senate budget subcommittees both approved a 10% increase over two years
 - Budget conference committee has proposed a 5% increase over two years, governor to decide by 6/15

The Lanterman Coalition having an impact

- Assembly Member Melissa Melendez: It is certainly a community that deserves our attention. I think their funding levels have been abysmally low,
- Assembly Member Richard Bloom: Over the last few days I'm sure all of us all of us have received the volume of phone calls, but we are really aiming at the same goal - and that's to try and repair something that has been broken for some time."
- Senator Mark Leno: This issue of underfunding our infrastructure, of our community services for those individuals and families who deal with developmental disability is not a partisan issue, and we know it's our responsibility to help both individuals and families.
- Senator Ricardo Lara: There's no doubt in my mind that we have clearly devastated the funding for these regional centers and really impacted the lives of thousands.
- Assembly Member Shirley Weber: They have some serious issues about keeping good staff that's adequately paid... Because many of their staff are making almost min wage and yet have college degrees....
- Senator Leno: Let's remember that our community partners are literally doing the Lord's work and we have to be there for them.

Message to Legislators

- We deeply appreciate your statement about the need to fund community services
- We thank the Senate and Assembly for taking action to address the crumbling community services.
- We support the Assembly Version for the 10% rate increase over 2 years and urge that the start date for the first 5% increase be July 1, Many providers may not survive to January.
- We ask for additional trailer language that states the second 5% increase will be budgeted in the next fiscal year.
- We thank the Budget Subcommittees for their efforts to address our concerns, but our position continues to be that we need a 10% across the board increase to stabilize the community.



Hope Services Response

- We need budget relief to retain our staff
- We will expand our business operations to help offset some of the state funding shortfall
 - Plan to expand our thrift store operations
- We have expanded our Development team and have added fund raising efforts
 - Grant writers
 - Events:
 - Celebrity Bartenders night Jan. 26
 - Cars and Cowboys August 1st
 - Hollywood nights Gala October 17th

Family Alliance Coordinator

Stacy Boydell

Family Engagement

- Family members should have the same expectations for their lives in the community as all others
- Hope wants to reconnect and re-engage families through our Hope Family Alliance (HFA)
- Stacey Boydell, Hope's new Family Coordinator has been tasked to establish the HFA

Hope Family Alliance

- **The Hope Family Alliance (HFA)** brings together the many concepts of family.
- **The Hope Family Alliance's** mission is to provide the vehicle to :
 - **Support**
 - Social opportunities
 - **Resources**
 - Speakers
 - **Advocacy**
 - Legislative News

Thanks for getting involved



Director of Supported Living Services

Linda Sino

Community Living Services

- **INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES**
 - Training
 - Intermittent schedule
 - Individualized- based on a person centered plan
 - At home or in the community
- **SUPPORTED LIVING SERVICES.....**

Supported Living is:

- An approach to housing and support for people with developmental disabilities based on Five Principles:
 - A Home of One's own
 - Choice and Self Direction
 - Relationships
 - Community Membership
 - Flexible, Tailored Services and Supports

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We believe that every person has a right to lead his/her own life, to determine where, how, and with whom to live, work and recreate.



Supported Living

Eligibility:

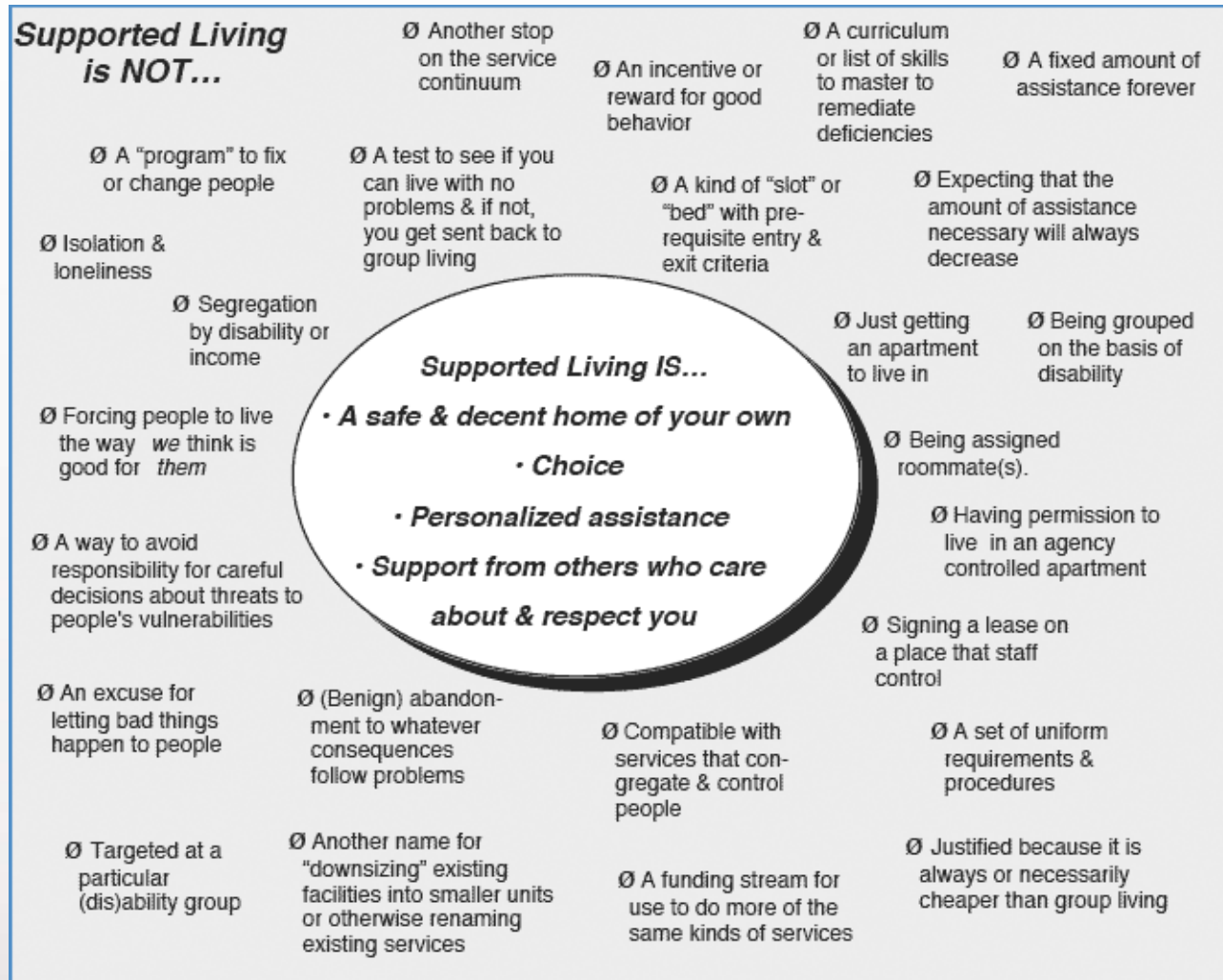
- Developmental Disability diagnosis
- Regional Center funding
- Request service and place on IPP

We provide:

- Adaptive skills training
- Assistance with selecting and moving into a home
- Choosing companions and housemates
- Acquiring household furnishings
- Common daily living activities and emergencies
- Becoming a participating member in community life
- Managing personal financial affairs, as well as other supports detailed in a person-centered plan.



Supported Living is not.....



What's Great About SLS?

- Services are individualized
- You, your son or daughter choose staff
- 24 hour services and crisis intervention
- Focus on health, safety, and quality of life
- Increase independence and/ provide support

Challenges

- Timely process
- Individual responsible for own living expenses-
-rent, utilities, food, etc.
- High cost rent in Silicon Valley

RESOURCES

- Allen, Shea, and Associates
- Circl
- Learning Community For Person-Centered Practices
- CLSN (CA Supported Living Network)
- Helen Sanderson and Associates



Greg Thornburn

Supported Living Client