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Nominations are now open for the 2019 Excellence in Service Awards!

The Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County will honor individuals, agencies, and/or organizations that have made significant contributions toward enriching the quality of life of people with developmental disabilities in Contra Costa County.

[Nomination Form](#)

Upcoming Events



- **April 13:** [Life, Animated](#) movie showing hosted by Adaptive Learning Center and the Transition Options Program. Open to everyone, RSVP right away!
- **April 15:** Hungry? Come to [Tips for Change](#), a delicious fundraiser for Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) at Gianni's Italian Bistro. Make your [reservation](#) now.
- **April 15-18:** The Consumer Action Committee for Futures Explored is hosting a series of presentations on how to be a good advocate, as well as sharing information on current issues they are advocating for with legislators. Issues include housing, rate reform, community services and transportation. For RSVP information and locations, click [here](#).
- **April 20:** HUSHconcerts and GOALS for Autism have teamed up to support [Autism Awareness Day with the Oakland Athletics](#). This is a Matt Chapman bobblehead giveaway (first come availability) so plan to arrive early, and also enjoy silent disco fun at the Kids Club before and during the game. Tickets can be purchased online [here](#).
- **April 27:** Registration is now open for [Congreso Familiar](#), a free conference in Spanish for families of individuals with special needs. Workshops, food, music and fun for the entire family. Registrations received before April 19 will be entered in to a \$100 drawing. For more information contact Angela Gattis at (925) 313-0999 extension 206, or agattis@careparentnetwork.org.
- **April 27:** **West County Transition and Special Education Transition Fair** is taking place in Richmond. This free event starts at 10:00 am and includes many local resources, a Person Driven Planning Workshop, and lots of raffle prizes. No registration is required, the flyer is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- **May 8:** [TOPS Creativity Expo](#): an evening of amazing talent and artistry. Enjoy a show of musical performances and dramatic presentations, followed by opportunities to purchase art, jewelry, and baked goods.
- **May 11:** [Lions Special Kids Day](#) is a free event for children and adults with emotional, developmental and physical disabilities, their parents, siblings and caregivers only. [Registration](#) is required.
- **May 24:** [Scavenger Hunt, a Travel Training Adventure!](#) The Center for Independent Living and Community Connections is offering a fun event to enhance the ability to navigate, problem solve, work together in a team and have fun within the community.

News and Action Alerts



- **Regional Center of the East Bay** is asking to [hear from you](#) regarding types of services and supports to meet current and future needs of individuals and their families in the community. The survey link will be open until April 15.
- Some of our local Bay Area service providers are quoted in a recent San Francisco Chronicle [article](#) about the ongoing struggle they face in light of **inadequate rates**. If this issue is important to you, the Lanterman Coalition has a quick way to [contact your legislators](#) to let them know how you feel.
- The **California Budget & Policy Center** has posted an analysis on [Advancing Health Equity](#): How state policymakers can increase opportunities for all Californians to be healthy.

Opportunities and Announcements



- **Care Parent Network** is offering a new parent support group in Concord. Share the [flyer](#) with anyone who may be interested.
- **Loaves and Fishes** is now recruiting for their free basic [introductory Culinary Arts program](#) for individuals interested in the culinary industry and experiencing barriers to employment.
- Are you caring for a loved-one with [Down Syndrome age 18 or older](#)? The Arc San Francisco and the UCSF Memory and Aging Center are working together to provide [neurologic evaluations](#) for individuals with Down's syndrome who are experiencing changes in their thinking, daily function or behavior.
- [Sound the Alarm](#) offers an opportunity to volunteer to install free smoke alarms in at-risk communities, including residents with access and functional needs. Local events are happening in April and May at various location, with a [variety of ways to get involved](#).
- **College of Alameda College to Career (C2C)** is now open for Fall 2019 enrollment. This Department of Rehabilitation funded program is a three year program for students with intellectual disabilities who are Regional Center consumers. The C2C program provides a coordinated set of activities to support student success in a college setting and successful transition into employment. For more information, view the [Program Overview](#) and [Fall Flyer](#).

Grants and Research



- The **California State Council on Developmental Disabilities** administers grants to community-based organizations to fund new and innovative program development projects. The RFP for [Cycle 42 grants](#) is now open, seeking to fund projects of statewide significance. The Council is looking for projects that fit any of the six State Plan goals.
- **Stanford Medicine and Stanford Children's Health** are currently recruiting for two research studies. The first is to improve the effectiveness of a [Developmental Reciprocity Treatment Program](#) in targeting social communication abilities in children between the ages of 2 and 5 years with autism. The second is to identify brain imaging predictors of benefits from [Pivotal Response Treatment](#) (PRT) targeting language abilities in children between the ages of 2 and 4.

Please forward any news, opportunities events, or alerts [here](#) for distribution to the council!

For more information on the Contra Costa Developmental Disabilities Council and its mission, please visit us on the web at <http://cchealth.org/groups/ddc> or contact:

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