




Far Northern Regional Center

Philosophy

Far Northern Regional Center is a private, nonprofit agency established by the Far Northern Coordinating Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. to carry out the provisions of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act in the counties of Butte, Glenn, Lassen Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity. The following principles guide its operation.

- The Regional Center is a fixed point of contact in the community for persons with developmental disabilities and their families to facilitate access to services and supports throughout their lifetimes.
- The contributions made by parents and family members to the support and well-being of their children and relatives with developmental disabilities are to be respected and fostered.
- Services and supports are most effective when they maximize opportunities and choices for living, working, learning and recreating in the community.
- The operational expenditures of the Regional Center will support and enhance direct service coordination.
- Services and supports work best when they are individually tailored to the consumer and when they are provided in natural settings.
- Services provided and/or purchased by the Regional Center will be cost effective and beneficial.
- Individuals with developmental disabilities should be integrated into the mainstream life of their natural communities.
- Consumers, and where appropriate, their parents, legal guardians or conservators, will have a leadership role in selecting services.
- Children with developmental disabilities often have greater opportunities for growth and development when they live with their own families.
- Adults with developmental disabilities should be provided opportunities to live in their own homes.

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- Services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities should approximate the pattern of everyday living of persons without disabilities of the same age.
 - Services provided to persons with developmental disabilities should result in consumer and/or family empowerment and in more independent, productive, and normal lives for the individuals served.
 - The civil, legal, and service rights of person with developmental disabilities will be advocated for by the Regional Center.
 - Unpaid natural supports should be utilized whenever possible to assist individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in community and civic life.
 - The prevention of developmental disabilities is a primary part of the Regional Center's mission.
 - Services and supports should be responsive to the cultural needs of the diverse population of persons with developmental disabilities.
 - Service options made available to person with developmental disabilities should foster functional skills, productivity, independence, social support networks, and inclusion in community life.

Far Northern Regional Center is committed to arranging for an array of services and supports which utilize innovative and economical methods to meet the needs and choices of individuals with developmental disabilities at each stage of their lives. This can best be achieved in a partnership effort involving consumers, families, service providers, Regional Center staff, public agencies, and the general public.

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