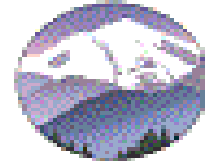


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## Performance Report for Far Northern Regional Center

Every year, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracts with regional centers in California to serve consumers and families. And, every year DDS looks at how well the regional centers are doing. This report will give you information about your regional center.

Last year, at Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) we served about 8,250 consumers. The charts on page two tell you about the consumers we serve. You'll also see how well we are doing in meeting our goals and in fulfilling our contract with DDS.

At FNRC, we want to improve every year, do better than the state average, and meet or exceed the DDS standard.

FNRC met or exceeded goals in the following areas: More children live with families, More adults live in home settings, fewer children live in large facilities (more than 6 people), and Fewer adults live in large facilities (more than 6 people). In addition, FNRC met or exceeded in seven of the eight compliance areas.

Areas that require attention are individuals living in developmental centers and living in larger facilities (more than 6 people). This is due to a slight increase of less than .06 %. The one area that was not met in compliance was ability to meet intake timelines.

In addition, we will continue to promote John O'Brien's and Beth Mount's **Five Valued Experiences**:

1. Each person has the daily experience of belonging in a variety of relationships and memberships.
2. Each person is respected as an interesting person, whose talents and fits are worthy of our attention and their gifts are not wasted but harvested.
3. Each Person shares the ordinary places of life with other ordinary people in ordinary neighborhoods.
4. Each person contributes. We support contribution in its many forms that of earning pay but also free exchange of talents and time. What is important is the giving, it is the belonging, it is the value of connection.
5. People choose what they want in their life. They voice their opinion, and are given the supports so that voice and their choices are heard fully and with total heart.

We hope this report helps you learn more about FNRC. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us!

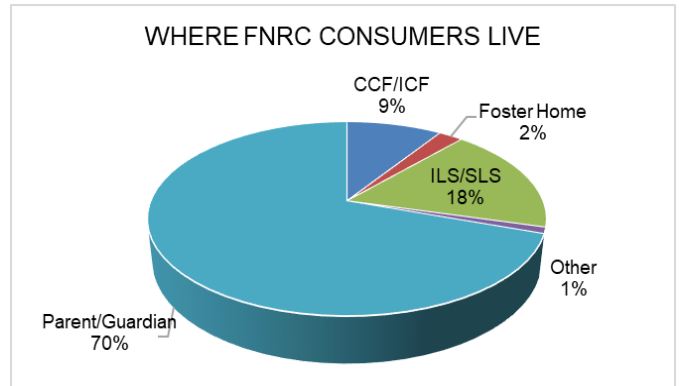
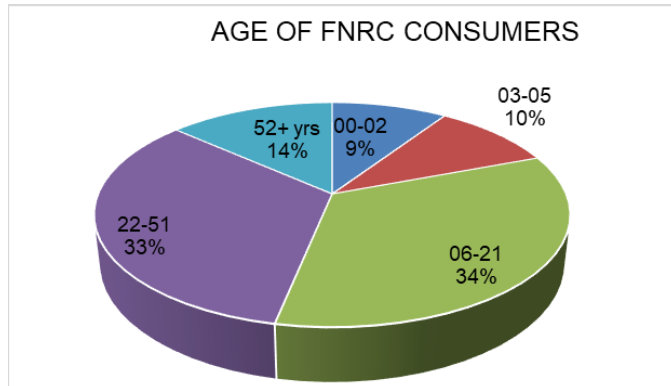
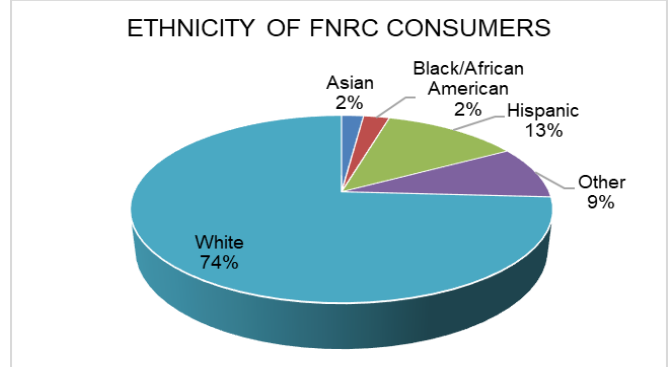
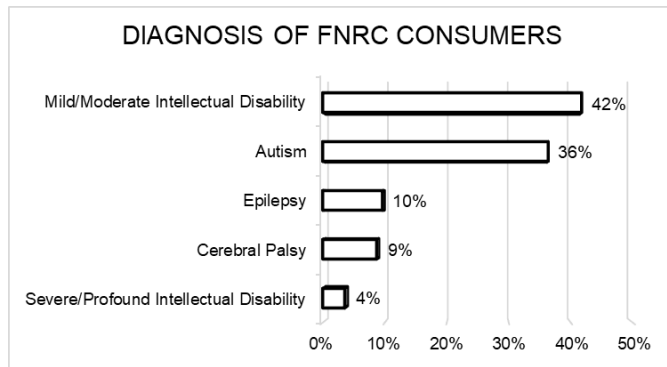
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## Who uses FNRC?

These charts tell you about who FNRC consumers are and where they live.



## How well is FNRC performing?

This chart tells you five areas where DDS wants each regional center to keep improving.

The first column tells you how FNRC was doing at the end of 2020, and the second column shows how FNRC was doing at the end of 2021.

To see how FNRC compares to the other regional centers in the state, compare the numbers to the state averages (in the shaded columns).

Regional Center Goals (based on Lanterman Act)	December 2020		December 2021	
	State Average	FNRC	State Average	FNRC
Fewer consumers live in developmental centers	0.07%	0.15%	0.06%	0.16%
More children live with families	99.51%	99.52%	99.58%	99.60%
More adults live in home settings	81.71%	80.79%	82.50%	80.99%
Fewer children live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	0.04%	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%
Fewer adults live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	1.92%	0.75%	1.78%	0.81%

Notes: 1) Consumers can be included in more than one diagnosis category. 2) Residence Types: CCF/ICF is Community Care Facility/Intermediate Care Facility; ILS/SLS is Independent Living Services/Supported Living Services. 3) Home settings include independent living, supported living, Adult Family Home Agency homes, and consumers' family homes. 4) Green text indicates the RC remained the same or improved from the previous year, red indicates the RC did not improve.

**Did FNRC meet DDS standards?**

Read below to see how well FNRC did in meeting DDS compliance standards:

Areas Measured	Last Period	Current Period
Passes independent audit	Yes	Yes
Passes DDS audit	Yes	Yes
Audits vendors as required	Met	Met
Didn't overspend operations budget	Yes	Yes
Participates in the federal waiver	Yes	Yes
CDERs and ESRs are updated as required (CDER is the Client Development Evaluation Report and ESR is the Early Start Report. Both contain information about consumers, including diagnosis.)	98.54%	99.15%
Intake/Assessment timelines for consumers age 3 or older met	96.81%	82.84%
IPP ( <i>Individual Program Plan</i> ) requirements met	98.26%	N/A
IFSP ( <i>Individualized Family Service Plan</i> ) requirements met	95.2%	96.2%

Notes: 1) The federal waiver refers to the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver program that allows California to offer services not otherwise available through the Medi-Cal program to serve people (including individuals with developmental disabilities) in their own homes and communities. 2) The CDER and ESR currency percentages were weighted based on the RC's Status 1 and Status 2 caseloads to arrive at a composite score. 3) N/A indicates that the regional center was not reviewed for the measure during the current period.

## How well is FNRC doing at getting consumers working?

The chart below shows how well FNRC is performing on increasing consumer employment performance compared to their prior performance and statewide average

Areas Measured	Time Period			
	CA	FNRC	CA	FNRC
<b>Consumer Earned Income ( Age 16 to 64 years*):</b> Data Source: Employment Development Department (EDD)	Jan through Dec 2019		Jan through Dec 2020	
Quarterly number of consumers with earned income	25,710	1,038	22,772	857
Percentage of consumers with earned income	17.17%	26.57%	18.86%	27.47%
Average annual wages	\$8,772	\$6,083	\$9,733	\$6,764
<b>Annual earnings of consumers compared to people with all disabilities in California</b> Data Source: American Community Survey, five-year estimate	2019		2020	
	\$25,990		\$26,794	
<b>National Core Indicator Adult Consumer Survey</b>	July 2017-June 2018		July 2020-June 2021	
Percentage of adults who reported having integrated employment as a goal in their IPP	29%	30%	35%	N/A**
<b>Paid Internship Program</b> Data Source: Paid Internship Program Survey	2019-20		2020-21	
	CA Average	FNRC	CA Average	FNRC
Number of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program	8	12	6	7
Percentage of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program	9%	22%	14%	18%
Average hourly or salaried wages for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program	\$13.31	\$12.30	\$14.25	\$14.08
Average hours worked per week for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program	16	20	17	18
<b>Incentive Payments</b> Data Source: Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Program Survey				
Average wages for adults engages in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made	\$13.52	\$12.80	\$14.81	\$14.49
Average hours worked for adults engages in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made	21	21	23	30
Total number of Incentive payments made for the fiscal year for the following amounts:	\$1,500	22	5	17
	\$1,250	28	8	19
	\$1,000	34	14	33

\*Count of consumers included in the EDD data is determined by how precisely consumer's names match between the EDD data and the Department's data. New methodology, implemented in 2021 and applied to 2019 and 2020 data, requires consumers names to match more precisely than in previous years in order to be counted in the dataset. \*\*Regional centers receive an 'N/A' designation if fewer than 20 people respond to the survey item.

## How well is FNRC doing at reducing disparities and improving equity?

These tables show you how well the regional center is doing at providing services equally for all consumers.

Indicator showing the relationship between annual authorized services and expenditures by individual's residence type and ethnicity

Residence Type	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian		Black/African American		Hispanic		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		White		Other Ethnicity or Race	
	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21
Home	✘ 0.42	✘ 0.43	✘ 0.46	✘ 0.47	✘ 0.44	✘ 0.39	✘ 0.43	✘ 0.41	✘ 0.47	✘ 0.47	✘ 0.45	✘ 0.42	✘ 0.43	✘ 0.41
ILS/SLS	⚠ 0.69	⚠ 0.72	⚠ 0.72	⚠ 0.68	⚠ 0.71	⚠ 0.70	✓ 0.76	✓ 0.81	⚠ 0.73	✓ 1.00	⚠ 0.74	⚠ 0.73	✓ 0.80	✓ 0.80
Institutions	✘ 0.00	✘ 0.28	N/A	N/A	✘ 0.40	N/A	✘ 0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	✘ 0.25	⚠ 0.70	✘ 0.19	✘ 0.00
Residential	✓ 0.87	✓ 0.82	✓ 0.80	⚠ 0.71	✓ 0.92	✓ 0.83	✓ 0.88	✓ 0.77	✓ 0.95	⚠ 0.69	✓ 0.87	✓ 0.78	✓ 0.87	✓ 0.79
Med/Rehab/Psych	✘ 0.41	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	⚠ 0.53	✓ 0.96	N/A	N/A	⚠ 0.69	⚠ 0.72	✘ 0.00	N/A
Other	✘ 0.39	✘ 0.33	N/A	N/A	⚠ 0.63	✘ 0.48	✘ 0.37	⚠ 0.61	N/A	N/A	⚠ 0.67	⚠ 0.65	⚠ 0.62	⚠ 0.57

Notes: 1) Institutions include developmental centers, state hospitals, and correctional facilities. 2) Residential includes care facilities intermediate care facilities, and continuous nursing facilities. 3) Med/Rehab/Psych include skilled nursing facilities, psychiatric treatment and rehabilitation centers, acute general hospitals, sub-acute care services, and community treatment facilities. 4) Other includes consumers who are out-of-state, in hospice, transient/homeless, or not listed elsewhere. 4) Green check marks are indicated by values less than 1.25 and greater than or equal to 0.75. Yellow warning signs are indicated by values less than 1.5 and greater than or equal to 1.25 and less than .75 and greater than 0.5. Red x's are indicated by values less than or equal to 0.5 and greater than or equal to 1.5. A perfect ratio is indicated as 1.0.

Percent of total annual purchase of service expenditures by individual's ethnicity and age

Age Group	Measure	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian		Black/African American		Hispanic		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		White		Other Ethnicity or Race	
		19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21	19-20	20-21
Birth to 2	Consumers	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	17%	17%	0%	0%	71%	69%	8%	9%
	Expenditures	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	17%	16%	0%	0%	71%	73%	8%	7%
3 to 21	Consumers	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	16%	16%	0%	0%	70%	69%	7%	8%
	Expenditures	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	14%	16%	0%	0%	72%	71%	7%	6%
22 and older	Consumers	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	7%	8%	0%	0%	81%	81%	4%	4%
	Expenditures	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	5%	6%	0%	0%	85%	85%	4%	4%

The tables below provide information on National Core Indicator survey results regarding services, satisfaction, and family outcomes, analyzed by race and ethnicity.

Overall, are you satisfied with the services and supports your family member currently receives?  
(Response: Always/Usually, Child Family Survey: 2015-16)

<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>	<b>FNRC</b>	<b>All California Regional Centers</b>
Total Respondents	226	12,696
Missing Race	71.4%	70.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	100.0%	76.5%
Asian	75.0%	69.9%
Black/African-American	100.0%	70.1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	73.1%
White	78.2%	72.8%
Other/Unknown	0.0%	65.0%
Hispanic or Latino	68.6%	69.7%
Mixed Race	72.4%	71.7%
Overall	76.1%	70.8%

Overall, are you satisfied with the services and supports your family member currently receives?  
(Response: Always/Usually, Adult Family Survey: 2016-17)

<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>	<b>FNRC</b>	<b>All California Regional Centers</b>
Total Respondents	245	4,603
Missing Race	100.0%	73.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	40.0%	76.7%
Asian	50.0%	79.4%
Black/African-American	100.0%	75.7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	87.5%
White	81.1%	80.9%
Other/Unknown	N/A	61.1%
Hispanic or Latino	84.0%	77.6%
Mixed Race	90.7%	81.1%
Overall	82.4%	79.1%



Overall, are you satisfied with the services and supports your family member currently receives?  
 (Response: Always/Usually, Family Guardian Survey: 2016-17)

<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>	<b>FNRC</b>	<b>All California Regional Centers</b>
Number of Respondents	195	3,768
Missing Race	80.0%	79.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	100.0%	85.2%
Asian	N/A	90.6%
Black/African-American	N/A	83.1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	N/A	78.6%
White	86.6%	89.0%
Other/Unknown	50.0%	85.7%
Hispanic or Latino	100.0%	83.0%
Mixed Race	76.5%	82.8%
Overall	85.1%	87.5%

<b>Notes</b>
Asian category includes: Asian Indian, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Other Asian, Thai, and Vietnamese
Native Hawaiian/Polynesian category includes Guamanian, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, and Samoan
White category includes Russian and White
N/A means that there were no respondents for the category
National Core Indicator survey responses reflect only the opinion of the regional center consumers that responded to the survey. For more details on the National Core Indicator survey, contact the regional center.

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