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Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting

October 6 ,2026

Agenda

- Welcome – Angie Rodriguez

- Sub-Committee Chair Updates
  - Paul Quiroz -Support Services
  - Elizabeth Flores -Supportive Living Services
  - Diane Sanka - Day Program
  - Lindsey Stone - Employment Services
  - Sharon Oh - Early Start
  - Jay Samilin - Residential Services
  - Vacant- Transportation

Agenda cont…

- West Nile Virus- Dr. Ahoo Sahba
- HCBS Update – Aimee Fabila
- DSP Collaborative- Aimee Fabila
- Budget Update – Judy Wada
- Emergency Preparedness El Niño- Judy Wada
- Rate Reform - Elizabeth Garcia-Moya
- Quality Incentive Program (QIP)-Elizabeth Garcia-Moya
- What's Happening at Harbor? – Thao Mailloux

Agenda cont…

- Service Provider Announcements
  - Brainstorm Productions

- Next SPAC meeting –December 1, 2026

West Nile Virus

Dr. Ahoo Sahba

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HCBS Update

Provider Relations Specialist, Aimee Fabila

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Upcoming HCBS Trainings

Vision Boarding and the IPP

- Learn how to support individuals' advocate for the rights through the IPP process by using vision boarding

  - Thursday, October 29th from 9:00-11:30 am
  - To register email kaitlin@aloconsultation.com

Person-Centered Thinking Training

- Wed. 10/21 and Thur. 10/22 from 9:00-5:00 at the HRC Torrance
- Tues. 12/08 and Wed. 12/09 from 9:00-5:00 at the HRC Long Beach.
- To register email Training.Reservations@harborrc.org
- Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate of completion

Continue HCBS Trainings

1:1 HCBS Consultations with ALO

- FREE 2-hour individual HCBS consultation for service providers that would like support improving and implementing HCBS practices to ensure ongoing compliance.

    - Tuesday, November 03
    - Wednesday, November 04
    - To register email kaitlin@aloconsultation.com

DSP COLLABORATIVE JOB FAIR



Tuesday, October 13

Torrance Cultural Arts Center
3330 Civic Center Dr.
Torrance, CA 90503
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
Brian Carrillo
(310) 792-4702 or brian.carrillo@harborrc.org

DSP Collaborative

Thank you!

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Budget Update

Judy Wada, CFO

Harbor Regional Center FY 2025-26 (in $1,000s)

	B-5	Actual/ Projected	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Operations	$64,529	$64,529	$0
Purchase of Service	$561,016	$574,085	($13,069)
Total	$625,545	$638,614	($13,069)
June 30, 2026 Caseload		21,292	

Harbor Regional Center FY 2026-27 (in $1,000s)

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27			
	B-5	C-2	Δ%	Actual/ Projected	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Operations	$64,529	$69,980	8%	$69,980	$0
Purchase of Service	$561,016	$598,566	7%	$627,166	($28,600)
Total	$625,545	$668,546	7%	$697,146	($28,600)
June 30, 2026 Caseload	21,292	22,614	6%		

DSP Bi-/Multi-lingual Pay Differential Program

Monthly differential to DSPs who communicate in a language or medium other than English as part of their regular job duties:

1 Language	$100
2 Languages	$200

Employer receives $125 for gross wages and employer-rated costs*

Pilot started May 2024

DDS Workforce Initiative—Coming January 2027?

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Emergency Preparedness

Judy Wada, CFO

Americans Stand Ready

Theme for National Preparedness Month 2026

Ready means that YOU are ready to respond the right way in the event of an emergency incident.

Ready means that YOU can take care of YOURSELF, your FAMILY, and your NEIGHBORs.

5 Steps to Be READY

- Be in the KNOW: Make sure you know where to get information when you need it most. You can do this by downloading the FEMA app or going to Home | FEMA.gov. You can also sign up for city and county emergency alerts at www.emergency.lacity.gov/alerts.

- Make a PLAN: Make a plan to keep you and your family safe and prepared. The plan should include emergency contact information, emergency meeting places, and medical information.

- Build a KIT: Make an emergency go kit that includes essential items that you and your family need to stay safe in case you need to evacuate. Your kit should include medications, face masks, hand sanitizer, moist towelettes, warm clothes, a jacket, and comfortable shoes.

- Be there for your COMMUNITY: From volunteering in your community to learning skills like first aid and CPR, you can take steps to prepare to keep yourself, your family, and your neighbors safe and community more resilient.



Preparing for El Niño

Plan ♦ Prepare ♦ Protect

"For homeowners, the biggest takeaway isn't necessarily that we're going to have a crazy winter, It's that the potential for bigger swings in weather and more impactful storms deserves some attention now, before those storms arrive."
Crystal Edgars, Meteorologist

What is El Niño

Forecasts indicate the 2026-27 El Niño could be the strongest in decades, lasting into early 2027. Because of this projection, it is being referred to as Super El Niño.

NOAA declared the El Niño onset on June 11, 2026. Forecasts put the 2026 El Niño's peak in October – December 2026, with a high probability of continuing into January 2027.

El Niño is not a storm; it refers to oceanic warmth that **projects** a wetter than normal winter and possible severe weather impacts in Southern California.

What can we expect during El Niño?

Enhanced Heavy Rainfall: A warmer ocean increases the amount of available moisture in the atmosphere. This can shift global storm tracks and enhance precipitation in inter storms leading to prolonged rain events, flash flooding, and urban drainage overflow.

Landslides and Debris Flows: Heavy rainfall on saturated hillsides can increase the risk of mudslides and debris flows – especially in recent burn scars and steep topography across coastal ranges.

What can we expect during El Niño? (Continued)

Coastal Erosion & Storm Surge: Forecasts indicate the 2026-27 El Niño could be the strongest in decades, lasting into early 2027. Because of this projection, it is being referred to as Super El Niño.

Snowpack Dynamics: While warm ocean temperatures often bring warmer storm systems raising rain-snow elevations, strong El Niño cycles can yield heavy Sierra Nevada snowpack at higher elevations, impacting spring melt runoff.

4 Ways to Prepare for El Niño

1. Check and strengthen home infrastructure: review runoff pathways for potential flooding hazards, check gutters, and ceiling for water damage that may signal needed roof repairs.

2. Build your emergency stay kit. Ensure you have sufficient food for 3 days per person and at least one galloon of water per person per day for 5 days. Update your emergency go kit just in case there are evacuation orders

4 Ways to Prepare for El Niño

3. Conserve water and energy. Stock candles and batteries just in case of power outages. Check with your power supplier for any updates related to planned power outages related to storm activity.

4. Sign up for emergency alerts. You can go to emergency.lacity.gov/alerts to sign up for LA City and County alerts. Be sure to check trusted news sources and weather channels such as the National Weather Service LA (www.weather.gov/lox/). Stay informed.

State of Emergency

The Governor declared a State of Emergency on September 21, 2026.

On September 23rd DDS sent a notification authorizing Regional Centers to pay vendors for absences that are a direct result of the SOE.

For more information, contact Vincente B. Miles, Emergency Services Manager by email at Vincente.miles@harborrc.org or call (310) 792-4786.

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Rate Reform

Elizabeth Garcia-Moya, Director of Community Services

Rate Reform Update

- Updated Rate Models Effective-07/01/26
  - IRS Mileage Increase- $0.725 per mile to $0.76 per mile

- Early Start Program-Service Codes 116 & 805
  - Remote services provided on a regular basis must be paid at the clinic-based rate effective 11/01/2026

- Employment Order of Selection
  - Regional centers will now pay supported employment service providers the three DOR fees effective 08/31/26:
    - Intake Fee-$360
    - Placement Fee-$720
    - 90-Day Retention Fee-$720

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Quality Incentive Program (QIP)

Elizabeth Garcia-Moya, Director of Community Services

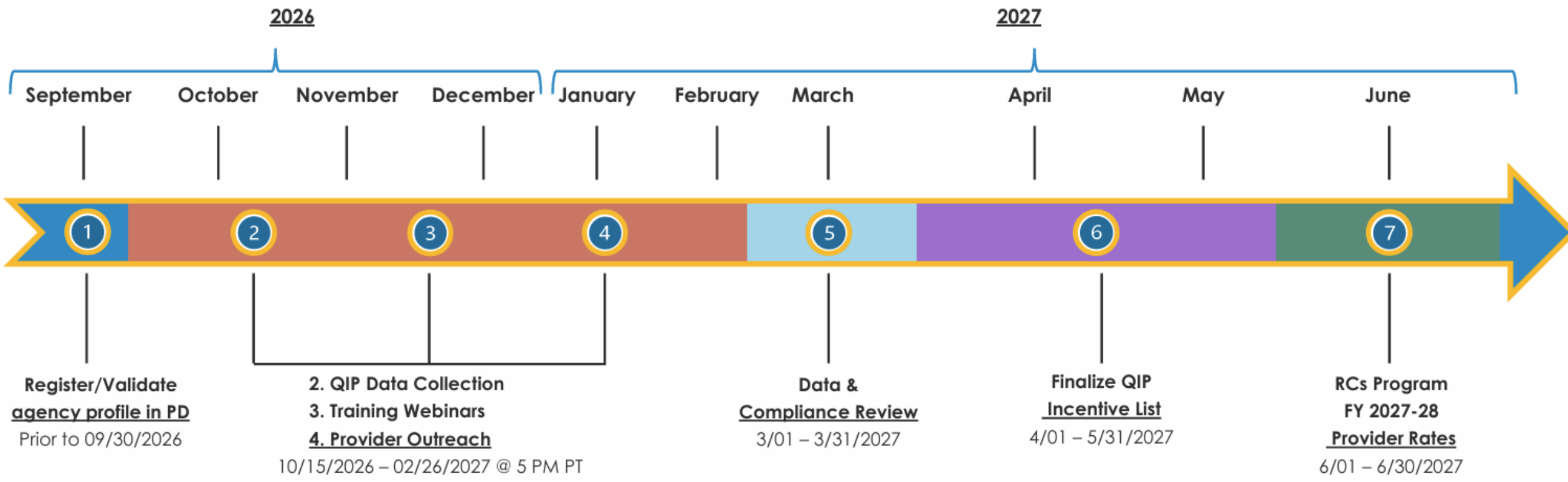
Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Requirements Fiscal Year 27/28

- The deadline to meet and ***all*** applicable compliance and QIP survey/s requirements is **February 26, 2027**.

- Service providers that do not meet ***all*** appliable QIP requirements by the deadline, their rate will be reduced to the 90% of the full rate effective ***July 1, 2027- June 30, 2028***.

- DDS will be emailing surveys **October 15, 2026.**
  - Surveys will be sent to the primary contact email address in the Provider Directory.

FY 2027-28 QIP DATA COLLECTION TIMELINE



Compliance Requirements

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Applies To:

- 062-Personal Assistance
- 310-Respite
- 313-Homemaker
- 320-Community Living Supports
- 359-Home Health Aide
- 361-Skilled Nursing
- 372-Speech, Hearing, & Language
- 375-Occupational Therapy
- 376-Physical Therapy
- 460-Participant Directed Nursing Services
- 465-Participating-Directed Respites Services, Family Member
- 707-Speech Pathology
- 742-Licensed Vocational Nurse
- 744-Registered Nurse
- 772-Physical Therapy
- 773-Occupational Therapy
- 854-Home Health-Agency
- 856-Home Health Aide
- 858-Homemaker
- 860-Homemaker Services
- 862-Respite
- 864-In-Home Respite Worker
- 896-Supported Living Services

EVV Guidance RC Service Codes

Home-Based Community-Based (HCBS) Rules Applies To:

- **Residential Services**
  - 096-Geriaric Facility
  - 113-Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs
  - 904-Family Home Agency
  - 905-915-Adult Residential Facility
  - 910, 920-Children's Residential Facility, Small Family Home
- **Day Services**
  - 055-Community Integration Training Program
  - 475-Participant-Directed Community-Based Training Services for Adults
  - 531-Day Services
  - 532-Behavioral Day Services
  - 533-Medical Day Services
  - 855-Adult Day Care
- **Employment Services**
  - 950-Supported Employment Program-Group Services
  - 954-Work Activity Program

Home and Community-Based Services Settings Rule : CA Department of Developmental Services

Annual Independent Audit or Review Applies If:

WIC Section 4652.5

(a)(1) An entity that receives payments from one or more regional center shall contract with independent accounting firm to obtain an independent audit or independent review report of its financial statements relating to payments made by the regional centers, subject to both of the following:

- **Independent Review-** If the amount received from the regional center or regional centers during the entity's fiscal year is more than or equal to five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), but less than two million dollars ($2,000,000)
- **Independent Audit-** If the amount received from the regional center or regional centers during the entity's fiscal year is equal to or more than two million dollars ($2,000,000)

California Welfare and Institutions Code section 4652.5 (2025)

QIP Surveys

Provider Capacity

- All rate reform service codes.

Employment

- Employment Services
- Service Codes:
  - 950-Supported Employment Group
  - 952-Supported Employment Individual

Prevention & Wellness

- Residential Services
  - Service Codes:
    - 113, 896, 904, 905, 910, 915, 920
- One-Time Incentive:
  - 096, 114, 163, 900, 901, 925, 930, &935

Initial Provider Survey

- Newly vendored service under rate reform service code.
- Reactivated or Re-vendored provider.

Residential Services QIP Requirement Examples:

Residential service providers that received **$2 million or more** in payments from the regional center/s

Compliance Requirements :
Independent **Audit**
HCBS

Surveys:
Provider Capacity
Wellness Survey

Residential service providers that received **more than or equal** to $500,000, but less than $2 million in payments from the regional center/s

Compliance Requirements:
Independent **Review**
HCBS

Surveys:
Provider Capacity
Wellness Survey

Residential service providers that received **less** than $500,000 in payments from the regional center/s

Compliance Requirements:
HCBS

Surveys:
Provider Capacity
Wellness Survey

950-SEP Group Services QIP Requirement Examples:

SEP group service providers that received **$2 million or more** in payments from the regional center/s

Compliance Requirements :
Independent **Audit**
HCBS

Surveys:
Provider Capacity
Employment Survey

SEP group service providers that received **more than or equal** to $500,000, but less than $2 million in payments from the regional center/s

Compliance Requirements:
Independent **Review**
HCBS

Surveys:
Provider Capacity
Employment Survey

SEP group service providers that received **less** than $500,000 in payments from the regional center/s

Compliance Requirements:
HCBS

Surveys:
Provider Capacity
Employment Survey

Respite & Personal Assistance Services QIP Requirement Examples:

Respite & PA service providers that received **$2 million or more** in payments from the regional center/s

Compliance Requirements :
Independent **Audit**
EVV

Survey:
Provider Capacity

Respite & PA service providers that received **more than or equal** to $500,000, but less than $2 million in payments from the regional center/s

Compliance Requirements:
Independent **Review**
EVV

Survey:
Provider Capacity

Respite & PA service providers that received **less** than $500,000 in payments from the regional center/s

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DDS QIP Supports

- Training webinars with Q&A sessions
- Program Help Desk
- Targeted communications and messaging campaign
- QIP Questions: QIPquestions@dds.ca.gov
- For more information on QIP, please visit:
  Quality Incentive Program (QIP) : CA Department of Developmental Services
- To receive information from DDS about QIP, Rate Reform, and Provider Directory you can sign up by clicking the link below:
  - Sign up to Stay in Touch!

Service Provider Resources

DDS DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL (DSP)
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



"In today's challenging hiring environment, this initiative has proven to be a valuable resource in identifying and onboarding quality entry-level candidates."
— A Better Life Together, Inc., based in San Diego

STEP 1
Visit the bit.ly/dsp-portal website to submit your program interest to DDS.

STEP 2
All's Well will contact you to identify your program needs and to help you with the participation agreement.

STEP 3
Welcome and train interns over a three-month period while they test-drive a career with you!

Why should California regional center service providers participate in the DSP Internship Program?

- **INTERNS READY TO WORK**
  All's Well finds potential interns, completes a background check, and confirms they are medically cleared (LIC 503 Health Screening Report) and ready to begin work.
- **NO RISK OPPORTUNITY**
  DDS covers the pay for three months of salary for interns.
- **BUSINESS GROWTH**
  Hire interns at any time! Helping you to build out teams to serve more clients.

Get Staffing Support Today!
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For additional information from DDS on the DSP Internship Program:
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workforce@dds.ca.gov

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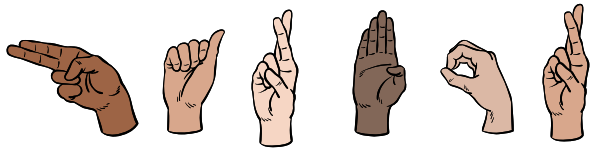
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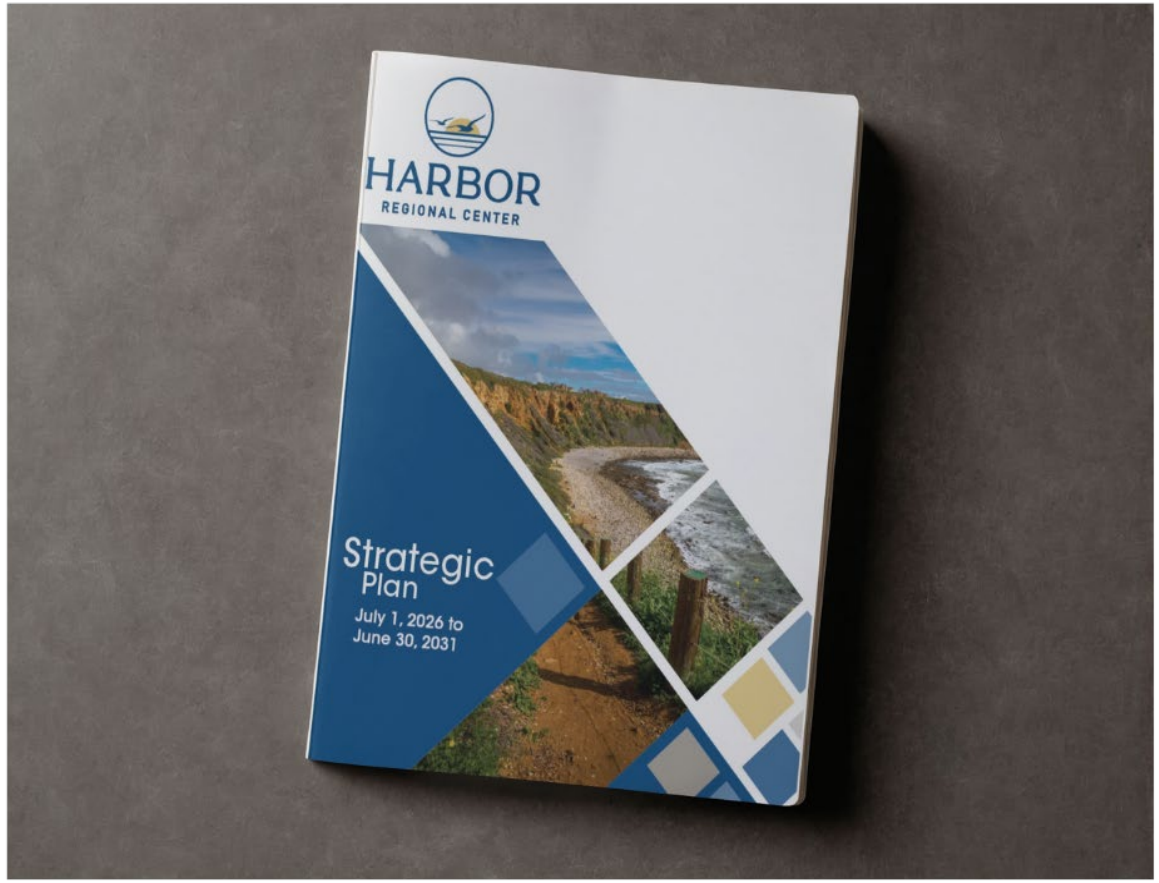
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What's Happening at Harbor?



Strategic Plan 2026-2031



FOCUS AREAS

1. Improve Individual and Family Experience and Satisfaction
2. Enhance Service Coordination
3. Expanding Resource Development and Awareness of Available Resources
4. Strengthen Community Engagement
5. Improve Organizational Development

Harbor Family Resource Center Backpack Giveaway







August 5th & August 7th
















FRIENDS









HCBS Final Rule Community Fair

August 26th








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Final Rule
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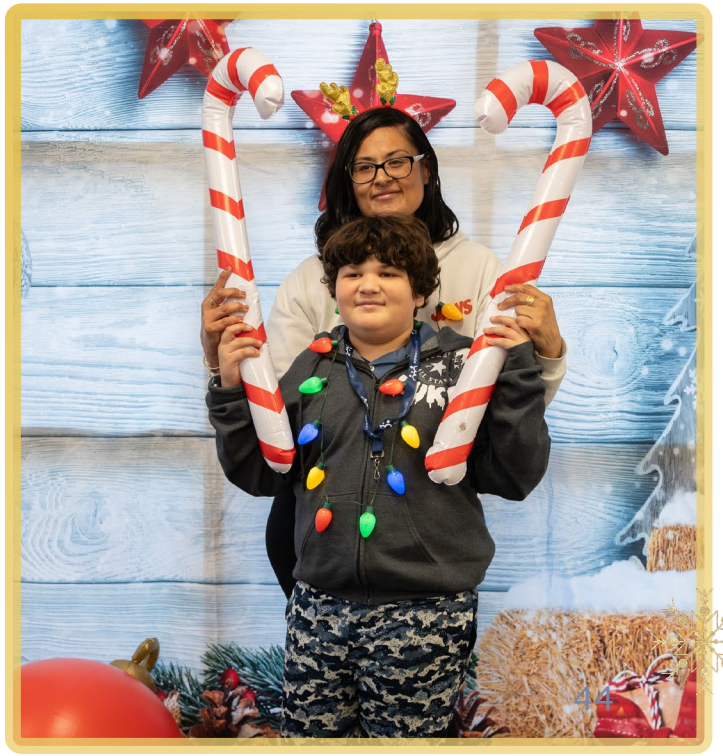
Gift-Giving Resource Fair















Special Thanks to Our Partners

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Villar Family







Hearts for the 2026 Holidays

BRING A LITTLE MAGIC TO SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY.
YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES THE SEASON BRIGHT!

SEEKING
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Service Provider Announcements

- Brainstorm Productions

BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS

ANIMATION TRAINING ACADEMY AND PRODUCTION STUDIO

2026 Quarter 3 SPAC Meeting

STANFORD NEURODIVERSITY SUMMIT 2026



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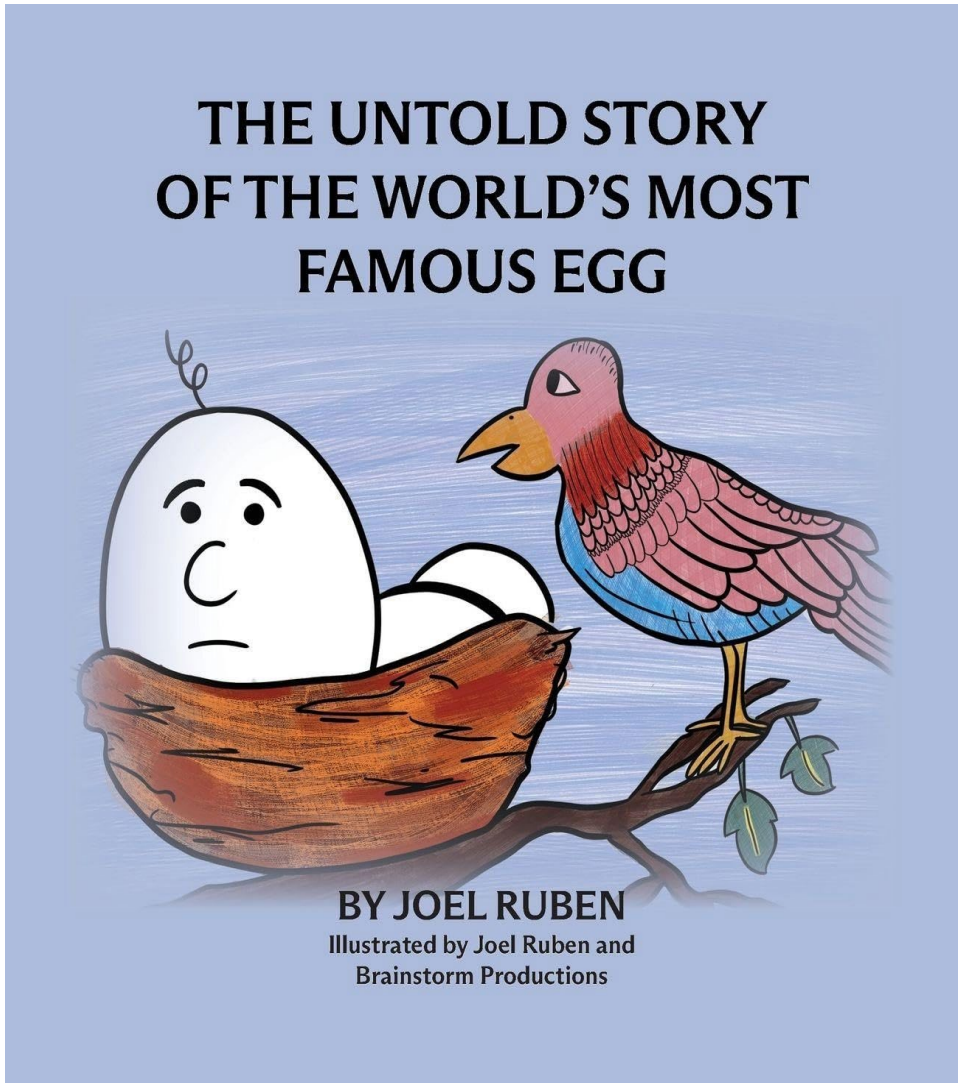
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