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NOTICE

Public Hearing for Stakeholder Community Participation

August 11, 2025

3:30 pm

Via Zoom Meeting

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Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

AB 637/1543/1106 Waiver Proposal:

Coordinated Family Support Services to serve children under 18 years of age.

On August 11, 2025, the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) will hold a formal public hearing pursuant to the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 4669.2 to share a proposal development through consultation and collaboration with the ELARC stakeholder community. This notice provides a summary and analysis of the proposal.

Background and Proposal

Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) is submitting an AB 637/1543/1106 Waiver Proposal to the Department of the Developmental Services which will allow ELARC to broaden access to funding for children under Coordinated Family Support Services which currently only allows the services to people over 18 years of age.

ELARC is submitting an AB 637/1543/1106 proposal to develop an innovative means of supporting children and their families under Coordinated Family Support Services, Service Code 076. Family Coordinated Support Services is approved under WIC, Division 4.5. Article 4. Section 4688.06 (a)(b)(c)(d)(1)(2)(3)(1)(2)(3) for adults 18 years and older. ELARC is requesting to waive this requirement, so that children and their families may receive these services to enhance the lives of the individuals supported by ELARC and their families.

Currently, ELARC is providing similar services under Pilot Projects for Coordinated Life Services through two agencies – R.A. Cardia, vendor number PE1015 and Easter Seals, vendor number PE1028. Both programs provide services to children and adults and are very successful as well as time limited. Both programs support multi-lingual children and adults who have I/DD as well as other needs such as mental health, DCFS involvement, forensic issues and other underlying situations that impact the individual and their family. This innovative approach in supporting the individual and family has been the successful establishment of a coordinated life which includes but is not limited to generic services (IHSS, mental health, SSI, Medi-Cal, Access transportation, Cal Fresh), support with appeals, and forensic support, Regional Center supports in respite care, Independent Living Skills, Applied Behavior Analysis, Personal Assistance and Day Services. As short-term programs, the ultimate goal for each individual is to have an involved and meaningful Circle of Support that leads to a person-centered life for each individual. These programs served to inform the development of the current statewide Coordinated Family Services Model.

- This Waiver Request will not reduce services, it increases the availability of Services
- This Waiver Proposal is cost effective as it is a short-term service.
- This Waiver Proposal will be implemented within ELARC's existing funding allocation.
- This Waiver Proposal will significantly increase individuals' freedom of choice.

To meet the needs of our community, ELARC proposes realigning these two programs, R.A. Cadia- vendor # PE1015 and Easter Seals- vendor # PE1028 with Family Coordinated Support Services under service code 076 with a Waiver of WIC, Division 4.5. Article 4. Section 4688.06 (a)(b)(c)(d)(1)(2)(3)(1)(2)(3) so that both children and adults may receive these supports. This Waiver of WIC, Division 4.5. Article 4. Section 4688.06 (a)(b)(c)(d)(1)(2)(3)(1)(2)(3) will allow more access and flexibility for the utilization of these support services and provide meaningful person-centered lives for ELARC individuals.

Comment Period

Stakeholder comments on this proposal may be made in writing at any time prior to the close of the public hearing on August 11, 2025,, or in oral testimony at this public hearing meeting ELARC shall give serious consideration to all comments received. In addition, ELARC will continue consultation with stakeholders following the formal public hearing process in preparation to submit the proposal to DDS.

Please mail, email or fax your public comment to:

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