



# Golden Gate Regional Center

## AB637 Public Comment Announcements

Public Hearing Scheduled for April 29, 2024

Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) is seeking public input in accordance with Welfare and Institutions (WIC) Code §4669.75(b) in order to submit an AB637/1543/1106 Waiver Proposal to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in accordance with statutory requirements. We are specifically seeking public input for the following proposals:

1. GGRC is seeking to allow flexibility in age range of people living within a certified home of the Family Home Agency (FHA), Leveraging Equal Access Program, Inc. (LEAP). This will include allowing funding for services in the FHA to children who are eligible for regional center services. The FHA will be allowed to serve adult individuals with one child regardless of the age of the minor child living with the parent(s).

### **Background Information**

Welfare and Institution Code section 4689.1(a) provides opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to live with families approved by the FHA and to receive services and supports in those settings as determined by the individual program plan.

California Title 17, section 56076 (e) (2) defines that a person with a developmental disability must be at least 18 years of age is eligible for services in the FHA model. This prevents a new parent from remaining with their family home provider and further limits the choices of an individual. Pursuant to section 56084 the FHA and family home will ensure that there is an appropriate match between the needs and preferences of the individual and the family home provider. The match between the individual and provider is a key element of success to ensure the individual has the appropriate supports to fulfill parental responsibilities. In addition, the FHA and family home will provide services and supports which will respect the individual personal and cultural preferences and values.

### **Impact**

- Proposal ensures that individuals and families that receive FHA services remain in their chosen communities.
- FHA services are cost effective and less restrictive than other settings to meet individual's needs.

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- Ensure that GGRC can meet the promise of the Lanterman Act to ensure that individuals can live the most independent and productive life possible in their community.

**Public Hearing Scheduled for**

A Public hearing to receive comments on these proposals will be held on April 29, 2024 at 2:00pm PM via Zoom.

Please click [HERE](#) to register or use the QR code below:



Input, comments, and suggestions are being solicited from the community at large. Please submit written public comments to Sean Galvin at [sgalvin@ggrc.org](mailto:sgalvin@ggrc.org) by May 3, 2024.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Galvin".

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