



The Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) is one of 21 regional centers in the State of California created under the Lanterman Act. This legislation established the regional centers as points of entry to services for people with developmental disabilities (also referred to as consumers). Regional centers are private, non-profit community agencies that contract with local businesses to offer a wide range of services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Developmental Disabilities include mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and other disabling conditions that are closely related to or require treatment similar to mental retardation. Any resident of Orange County who has or is suspected of having a developmental disability that originated before age 18 is entitled to receive an assessment to determine eligibility. To be eligible for services, a person must have a disability that is substantially handicapping. Those individuals diagnosed as developmentally disabled, according to the law, become “consumers” of RCOC and can receive continuing services. RCOC also coordinates the state-mandated Early Start program, which provides services for children under age three who have or are at substantial risk of having a developmental disability.

Services are offered to people with developmental disabilities based on Individual Program Plans and may include: Adult day programs; advocacy; assessment/consultation; behavior management programs; diagnosis and evaluation; independent living services; infant development programs; information and referrals; mobility training; prenatal diagnosis; residential care; respite care; physical and occupational therapy; transportation; consumer, family and provider training; and vocational training.

The RCOC Board of Directors provides policy direction to the agency and is made up of 14 citizens of Orange County who are not paid for their service on the Board. Among the board members are four RCOC consumers, eight family members and one Vendor Advisory Committee Liaison. The Board members represent various professions in the community.

Funding for RCOC comes from the California General Fund (70%) and the state/federal Medicaid program (30%). Nearly 86% of RCOC’s total funding goes directly to small businesses in the community that provide residential care, day programs, respite care, transportation and other services to the 16,200 individuals served by RCOC. This number includes individuals who have applied for services. The rest of RCOC’s funding supports staff who work directly with staff in the coordination of services, assessment and assistance, program planning, development and evaluation, and administrative support.

Fiscal Year 2007-2008	Individuals Served	Total Budget	Number of Staff	Small Business Providers	Funding to Providers
RCOC	16,200	\$203,222,015	397	3,050	\$173,846,855

Regional Center of Orange County has four locations to be more accessible to the people we serve:

Santa Ana 801 Civic Center Drive W Suite 100 714-796-5100	Orange 3111 North Tustin Street Suite 150 714-796-3700	Irvine 46 Discovery Suite 200 714-796-4060	Westminster 13950 Milton Avenue Suite 200 714-796-2900
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