



2022 Grants for Enhanced Community Integration for Children and Adolescents

In Fall of 2022 DDS authorized the Social Recreational Grant project to improve accessibility of integrated social and recreational programs for children and adolescents with I/DD, to utilize and leverage existing community resources to enhance and develop integrated and inclusive social recreation programming, and to increase the number of providers who offer integrated and inclusive social rec services.

On March 15th, 2023 DDS identified the grant recipients for all 21 Regional Centers. Westside Regional Center had six applicants receive funding for their projects.

Attached we will provide the links to the websites for these programs as available, as well as informational releases as we receive them.

Many of these programs are not presently vendored, however, they are all presently providing service. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them directly for more information.

ACEing Autism- <https://aceingautism.org/> - Sara Longo, sara@aceingautism.org

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Cayton Children's Museum/<https://www.caytonmuseum.org/> - Ebony Durham, edurham@caytonmuseum.org

Free 2 Be Me Dance/<https://www.free2bemedance.org/>-Colleen Perry, colleen@free2bemedance.com

Friendship Circle of Los Angeles/<https://www.fcla.org/>- Doonie Mishulovin, doonie@fcla.org

Jump for Joi- Aja Winn, ajawinn12@gmail.com

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REGIONAL CENTER



2022-23 Grants for Enhanced Community Integration
for Children and Adolescents

Background

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provided DDS \$12.5 million for Social Rec Grants
- Targeted for families, children, and adolescents with I/DD to fund projects that enhance and develop integrated and inclusive social and recreational programs
- All 21 Regional Centers were approved for grant participation

Timeline

- 10/14/22
 - DDS released the Social Rec Grant Guidelines
- 11/15/22
 - WRC released RFP for Social Rec Grants
- 1/9/23
 - Deadline for proposal submission to WRC
- 1/31/23
 - Deadline for WRC submittal of grant proposals to DDS
- 3/15/23
 - DDS notification to RCs of awarded grants projects
- 3/30/23
 - Grant contracts submitted to DDS
- 4/1/23 through 12/1/23
 - is the window for funded Grant Project activity
- 4/20/23
 - Public info meeting on awarded grant projects

Awarded Projects 1 of 6

ACEing Autism

- Adaptive tennis programming service provided in Inglewood, Los Angeles (90049), Pacific Palisades
- Funds to support increased capacity, additional locations, and advertisement/outreach/community engagement activities
- Proposals approved with 5 regional centers

Awarded Projects 2 of 6

America Youth Soccer Organization Region 1031

- VIP program to improve quality of soccer experience for regional center eligible youth
- Services provided in Culver City, Inglewood, Ladera Heights, and others
- Funds to support use of behavior and adaptive physical education consultation to improve support capacity and for advertising & outreach for the program

Awarded Projects 3 of 6

Free 2 Be Me Dance

- Dance program
- Service based out of Marina Del Rey, with community-based functions throughout Los Angeles
- Funds to support increased capacity and advertisement/outreach/community engagement activities

Awarded Projects 4 of 6

Friendship Circle of Los Angeles

- School based mentoring program
- Service provided throughout Westside catchment area
- Funds to support increased capacity and advertisement/outreach/community engagement activities

Awarded Projects 5 of 6

Jump for Joi

- Fashion and Arts & Crafts based programming
- Services provided in Inglewood
- Funds to support increased capacity and advertising & community outreach

Awarded Projects 6 of 6

Cayton Children's Museum

- Sensory sensitive events at the museum
- Service provided in Santa Monica
- Funds to support use of occupational therapy and other consultation resources to improve support capacity and adolescent weight wall changing tables



Term of Grant

- Grant period extends from 4/1/23 through 12/1/23
 - All projects required to submit progress reports to WRC in July, October, and December.
 - Programs were not required to be vendored as a pre-requisite or requirement for application. Projects may pursue vendorization at a future point
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After School Arts & Crafts Workshop

**WESTSIDE REGIONAL CENTER
PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!**

**Weekly April Workshops beginning
April 10, 2023**

**2070 W. Manchester Ave.
L.A., CA 90047**



jumpforjoi@gmail.com

3:30 - 5:30PM

Follow Us on Social Media



Let's get connected to build an inclusive community. A new outreach program to teens, building the value of inclusive friendships and opportunities to develop them.

Friendship is a Vibe



on the internet fcla.org



on Facebook
[FriendshipCircleOfLosAngeles](https://www.facebook.com/FriendshipCircleOfLosAngeles)



on Instagram [@friendshipcirclela](https://www.instagram.com/friendshipcirclela)



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Free 2 Be Me
DANCE

exploring freedom of expression through dance

Inclusive Dance Classes!

Dance for all ages and abilities

**Hip-hop
Ballet
Latin Ballroom
Choreography
& More!**

Spring,
Summer
& Fall Sessions

Every Saturday
and Sunday morning
@ Dance 4 Kids, Brentwood

Tuition is semester-based
Cost is about \$25/class
Full & partial scholarships provided

More info at
www.free2bemedance.org





Sunday,
May 21
9AM–12PM

Sensory Days

At the Cayton Children's Museum, we believe in the benefit of play for all and recognize that play looks different for everyone.

On Sensory Day

On Sunday, May 21st, the Cayton will host a Cayton Sensory Day event from 9 AM–12 PM. During this time, the Museum will **ONLY** be open to families with children with special needs and disabilities who RSVP as well as members.

The Cayton will offer several engaging activities including tactile sensory bins, a visually calming light room, music circle facilitated by an instructor, and face painting!

Sensory Inclusive

The Cayton has partnered with **KULTURECITY**, the nation's leading nonprofit in sensory awareness and acceptance, to make the Cayton more sensory inclusive.

There will also be sensory-specific adjustments made to the museum floor such as designated quiet areas, headphone zones, limited capacity, and additional signage.



Our Location

395 Santa Monica Place, # 374
Santa Monica, CA 90401

20% OFF

your entire purchase
in the museum store,
including sensory
items.

Questions?

For more information, please visit our website or email our Community Programs Manager, Ebony Durham, at edurham@caytonmuseum.org.

CLICK HERE TO RSVP



AYSO REGION 1031



We are **South Los Angeles Region 1031**, a non-profit youth soccer organization, we are located at **5401 S. Fairfax Ave Los Angeles 90056**. Our players come from neighborhoods throughout the Los Angeles areas of Ladera Heights, View Park, Inglewood, Baldwin Hills, Jefferson Park, Compton, Watts, Mid-City, Culver City and others.

Who can play: any child between **3 years old** and **18 years old**. We have a **VIP** program for children with developmental disabilities.

When do we play: Monday to Friday 5pm to 9pm; Weekend: 8am to 6pm

Contact: info@ayso1031.org / www.ayso1031.org