



To: Board of Directors

Date: March 4, 2026

Committee Schedule and Agenda for the WRC Board of Directors Board Meeting, **Wednesday, March 11, 2026.**

Attached is the agenda for the **March 11, 2026, WRC Board of Directors Board Meeting which will be held virtually on Zoom Webinar.**

All Board of Directors will receive a link inviting you to be a panelist at the March 11, 2026 meeting. On the day of the Board meeting, **please click on your link to ensure you join the meeting as a panelist (speaker). This link is unique to you and should not be shared with anyone else.**

All members of the public who wish to attend the meeting should follow these instructions to register:

1. Sign up for a [free Zoom account](#) if they have not already done so
2. [Click on this link to register](#) to attend the meeting
 - Attendees will be asked for their name and email address
 - This is so we can take attendance instead of using a sign-in sheet
 - Attendees will receive an email with a link to join the meeting
 - **Webinar ID: 854 8510 4345 # • Password: 114772 #**
3. On the day and time of the meeting, attendees should click the link to join and enter the password.
 - Spanish interpretation will be available upon entering the meeting

The public session Call-to-Order is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Much of the work of the Board is done in the WRC various committees, including Finance, Political Action, Client Services, and others. Your participation is needed and welcomed.

The following Committees are scheduled to meet:

Committee Name	Date & Time	Location
Board Development Committee	March 16, 5:00 p.m.	ZOOM Video Conference
Client Services Committee	March 3, 5:00 p.m.	ZOOM Video Conference
Consumer Advisory Committee	March 19, 5:00 p.m.	Burger King 10812 Jefferson Blvd, Culver City
Finance Committee	March 11, 5:00 p.m.	ZOOM Video Conference
Policy Committee	March 12, 4:00 p.m.	ZOOM Video Conference
Political Action & Outreach Committee	March 10, 5:00 p.m.	ZOOM Video Conference
Self Determination	March 10, 6:00 p.m.	ZOOM Video Conference
Service Provider Advisory Committee	March 17, 10:30 a.m.	WRC



BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING
 COASTAL DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES FOUNDATION
 777 AVIATION BLVD • SUITE 105 • EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

Wednesday, March 11, 2025

Via Zoom

6:00 p.m. – Closed Session • 6:30 p.m. – Public Session

A G E N D A

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed Session 4663 (a) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (b) <i>'Real estate', 'appointment, employment, evaluation, of performance or dismissal of a Regional Center employee'. 'Pending litigation'. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 4660.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Session Call to Order 	Almarietha Mathews
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome 	Almarietha Mathews
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Statement 	Nilo Choudry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct 	Terry Magady
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call of Board Members – Quorum 	Almarietha Mathews
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President’s Report 	Almarietha Mathews
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director’s Report 	Jane Borochoff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comment on Agenda Items 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVAL OF Minutes of January 14, 2026 Board Meeting • APPROVAL OF Minutes of February 18, 2026 Special Board Meeting 	Todd Rubien – ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Reports 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Development 	Jennifer E. Cohen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client Services 	Dr. Wakelin McNeel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance 	Kyle Jones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 	Terry Magady
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Action (PAC) 	Nilo Choudry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Provider Advisory (SPAC) 	Justin Levi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Advisory (CAC) 	Esther Kelsey
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comment 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	Almarietha Mathews - ACTION

Pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code 4660 (c), time shall be allowed for public input on all properly noticed agenda items prior to board action on that Item.

The Next Board Meeting is on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.





It is WRC's mission to support people with developmental disabilities, their families, and communities of choice by facilitating access to person-centered, culturally responsive services and resources.

La misión de WRC es apoyar a las personas con discapacidades del desarrollo, a sus familias y a las comunidades de su elección facilitando el acceso a servicios y recursos culturalmente sensibles y enfocados en la persona.

Business etiquette is essential to a well-run, successful meeting. Everyone who attends all WRC Board-related meetings agrees to:

- Understand and promote collaboration by allowing for a productive, safe and welcoming environment;
- Treat everyone with respect and consideration;
- Allow for open and inclusive discussions that do not demean, discriminate or harass others;
- Refrain from using discriminatory or demeaning language or language that could be considered bullying, threatening or intimidating;
- Critique ideas and suggestions but not individuals;
- Respect the responsibility and authority of the Board Chair in preserving order and decorum; and
- Avoid disrupting others when speaking and waiting for the Board Chair to determine the next speaker(s).

If, after being warned, anyone's actions violate this Meetings Code of Conduct, they may be asked to leave the meeting by the Board Chair.

Board Meetings Code of Conduct was Adopted on June 3rd, 2020.
Amended by the Board of Directors June 8, 2022.

La etiqueta en los negocios es esencial para el éxito de una reunión. Todas las personas que asistan a las reuniones del consejo del WRC se comprometen a:

- Comprender y fomentar la colaboración permitiendo un entorno productivo, seguro y acogedor;
- Tratar a todos con respeto y consideración;
- Permitir debates abiertos e inclusivos que no degraden, discriminen o acosen a los demás;
- Abstenerse de utilizar lenguaje discriminatorio o degradante o que pueda considerarse acoso, amenaza o intimidación;
- Criticar ideas y sugerencias, pero no a individuos;
- Respetar la responsabilidad y la autoridad del presidente de la Junta para mantener el orden y el decoro; y
- Evitar interrumpir a los demás al hacer uso de la palabra y esperar a que el presidente de la Junta determine el/los siguiente(s) orador(es).

Si, tras haber sido advertido, alguien infringe este Código de Conducta en las Reuniones, el presidente de la Junta podrá pedirle que abandone la reunión.

El Código de Conducta para las Reuniones del Consejo fue adoptado el 3 de junio de 2020.
Modificado por el Consejo de Administración el 8 de junio de 2022.

Board of Directors Meeting
Coastal Development Services Foundation
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 | 6:30 P.M.
Via Zoom

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Meshell Baylor Terry Magady
Nilo Choudry Almarietha Mathews
Jennifer E. Cohen Dr. Wakelin McNeel
Kyle Jones Todd Rubien
Justin Levi Todd Withers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zoey Geisberg, Carmen Tripp

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Borochoff (E.D.), Stephen Browning, Linda Butler, Candace Hein, Allyson Hemar, Pablo Ibañez, Natalie Monge, Andy Ponce, Aga Spatzier, Megan Tommet-Ramirez.

GUESTS: Sonia Hernandez (Interpreter), Antonietta Schulz (Interpreter), Willie Ramirez (DDS), Kiley Chang, Donnell Hill, Esther Kelsey, Angel Kirby, David Lester, Robert Schwartz, Jill Scott, Carol Taylor, Vanda Yung.

CALL TO ORDER (ACTION*)

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Almarietha Mathews, at 6:40 p.m. The Mission Statement was read by Meshell Baylor and Meeting Code of Conduct was read by Terry Magady.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

It was established that the members present represented a quorum necessary pursuant to Section 7.03 (6) of the bylaws of Westside Regional Center which states:

(h) Quorum. A majority of the Directors serving on the Board at the time of the meeting of the Board shall constitute quorum at any meeting of the Board

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Almarietha welcomed everyone to the January Board meeting and began by reflecting on the Palisades and Eaton fires from the previous year, acknowledging the ongoing recovery and the efforts of staff, the board, and families in supporting those affected. She also highlighted the Governor's proposed budget, noting that letters from the Director of DDS and the SCDD in the board packet suggest the situation is not as dire as initially feared.

Finally, she commemorated the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 19 and recognized the birthday of board member Jennifer E. Cohen.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Jane thanked the board for their volunteer service and for approving the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for staff, which went into effect on January 11, 2026. She emphasized that this is intended to assist with staff retention and case-load reduction.

Jane announced that after 38 years in Culver City, WRC has moved to a new facility at 777 South Aviation Boulevard in El Segundo. This will be the agency's home for the next 17 years. A grand opening celebration is planned for the coming weeks.

Liz Spencer, the Director of the Family Resource and Empowerment Center (FREC), is retiring after nearly 30 years of service. Jane praised her legacy, including the creation of the holiday gift drive.

Jane also discussed the Governor's January budget proposal, noting that while the deficit is smaller than expected, there are projected cuts to the Self-Determination Program - approximately 12% according to Disability Voices United. Most of these cuts may impact local advisory committee budgets rather than individual participant budgets. She announced a Zoom presentation on the budget featuring Chris Arroyo of the State Council, hosted by Undivided, on January 20th at 10 a.m.

Finally, Jane announced that public meetings regarding Purchase of Service (POS) data will be held on March 25th (Spanish/Virtual) and April 2nd (English/In-person) at the new El Segundo office.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA (3 minutes)

None.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025

(ACTION)

Todd Rubien (Motion) and Justin Levi (Second) to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2025. There was no discussion.

10 AYES
0 NO
0 ABSTENTION

The motion passed.

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Development

Committee Chair Jennifer E. Cohen recommended approval from the board for a 2-year extension (2026-2028) for board member Terry Magady.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER TERRY MAGADY FOR 2-YEAR TERM (2026-2028)

(ACTION)

Dr. Wakelin McNeel (Motion) and Meshell Baylor (Second) to approve board member Terry Magady for 2-year term (2026-2028). No abstentions. There was no discussion.

10 AYES
0 NO
0 ABSTENTION

The motion passed.

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER TERRY MAGADY FOR 2-YEAR TERM (2026-2028).

Client Services

Committee Chair, Dr. Wakelin McNeel, reported that the Client Services committee last met on January 6th. The committee discussed and recommended board approval of the American Sign Language (ASL) Training and Support Service Standard.

APPROVAL OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICE STANDARD (ACTION)

Almarietha Mathews (Motion) and Kyle Jones (Second) to approve the American Sign Language (ASL) Training and Support Service Standard. No abstentions. There was no discussion.

10	AYES
0	NO
0	ABSTENTION

The motion passed.

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICE STANDARD.

The next committee meeting will be held on February 6th.

Finance

Committee Chair Kyle Jones reported that the committee met earlier that day for their first meeting in 2026. The agency is within budget for both Purchase of Services (POS) and Operations (OPS). The committee also reviewed legal invoices and outstanding audits.

Policy

Committee Chair, Terry Magady, reported that the Policy committee last met on January 5th. The committee reviewed two policies – the California Public Records Act policy and the Electronic Communication policy, and they were then forwarded to the Executive Committee for further review. These policies were created in response to new statewide transparency laws. Terry recommended full board approval for the two transparency policies.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION POLICY AND CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT POLICY (ACTION)

Terry Magady (Motion) and Justin Levi (Second) to approve the Electronic Communication Policy and the California Public Records Act Policy. No abstentions. There was no discussion.

10	AYES
0	NO
0	ABSTENTION

The motion passed.

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION POLICY AND CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT POLICY.

Political Action (PAC)

Nilo Choudry, speaking on behalf of Committee Chair, Zoey Giesberg, encouraged everyone to review the Governor's budget analysis in the board packet, and thanked the leadership for providing budgetary and legislative information.

Service Provider Advisory (SPAC)

Justin Levi shared that the committee held its annual holiday potluck in December, which saw high attendance and generated significant interest from individuals wanting to join SPAC. A primary focus of the most recent November 18th meeting was the California Public Records Act. SPAC is currently working to organize a formal legal training for vendors to help them understand their legal obligations and requirements under this act. Additionally, the committee discussed the new statewide standardized vendorization process. While the change is viewed as a "mixed bag" with potential challenges, the committee is monitoring how applications filtered through the state impact local regional centers.

Justin highlighted a goal to strengthen the connection between service providers and service coordinators to improve awareness of available resources. He noted that future proposals to achieve this may require by-law changes, which would be presented to the Board for approval.

Consumer Advisory (CAC)

Esther Kelsey provided updates on community events, including tree lightings that CAC members attended in Culver City and Lennox, and CAC's 8th annual holiday party that was held on December 19, 2025 at the former Westside Regional Center building. The committee expressed gratitude to the Family Resource Center, WRC staff, and community partners (including the Lotus Project and World of Hope) for their donations. Members also attended a Culver City Council meeting and a presentation on the upcoming Governor's election.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned by Almarietha Mathews, Board President at 7:11 p.m.

Todd Rubien

Board Secretary

Board of Directors Special Meeting

Coastal Development Services Foundation

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | 5:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nilo Choudry
Kyle Jones
Justin Levi
Terry Magady
Almarietha Mathews
Todd Rubien
Carmen Tripp
Todd Withers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Meshell Baylor, Jennifer E. Cohen, Dr. Wakelin McNeel

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Borochoff (E.D.)

GUESTS: David Lester

CALL TO ORDER (ACTION*)

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Almarietha Mathews, at 5:03 p.m. The Mission Statement and Meeting Code of Conduct was read by Almarietha Mathews.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

It was established that the members present represented a quorum necessary pursuant to Section 7.03 (6) of the bylaws of Westside Regional Center which states:

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public present and no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Almarietha Mathews, Board President, announced reason for Closed Session: Welfare and Institutions Code 4663 (a) (5) (b). Pending litigation pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 4660.

Closed session began at 5:06 p.m. Closed session ended at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public present and no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned by Almarietha Mathews, Board President, at 5:35 p.m.

Todd Rubien

Board Secretary

WESTSIDE REGIONAL CENTER
BUDGET STATUS REPORT as of January 31, 2026
58.33 % of Year

	B-2 ALLOCATION Fiscal Year 25-26		YTD EXPENDITURES 7 months of expenditures in base	% OF ALLOCATION
OPERATIONS	\$ 40,843,406	*	\$ 21,658,451	53%
PURCHASE OF SERVICES	\$ 623,591,542		\$ 340,012,405	55%
TOTAL	\$ 664,434,948		\$ 361,670,857	54%

NARRATIVE

OPERATIONS

WRC's projected expenditures will be within our budget allocation. We project a balanced budget for FY 25-26. Note- Some of WRC's operations allocation are restricted funds due to policy mandates.

PURCHASE OF SERVICE

Based on the B-2 Budget Allocation for FY 25-26, WRC is projecting a balanced POS budget.

* Expenditures through 1/31/26

GRASSROOTS DAY

MARCH 2 & 3 2026
SACRAMENTO

Participating Regional Centers

- Westside Regional Center
- Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
- Harbor Regional Center
- North L.A. County Regional Center
- South Central L.A. Regional Center

Met with Legislators

- Benjamin Allen SD 24
- Steven Bradford SD 35
- Isaac Bryan AD 55
- Sade Elhawary AD 57
- Jacqui Irwin AD 42
- Tina McKinnor AD 61
- Al Muratsuchi AD 66
- Laura Richardson SD 35
- Lola Smallwood SD 28
- Henry Stern SD 27
- Rick Zbur AD 51

Key Points Discussed

- Youth Caregivers Career Pathway Program
- AB 1670 (Arambula) Oral Health Services: Behavior Management
- Concurrent Resolution on the 60th Anniversary of the Two Pilot Regional Centers
- Stabilizing Regional Center Funding



2026 Grassroots Day Advocacy: *Key Points*

AB 2324 (Gonzalez, Jeff) Vocational Education: Youth Caregivers Career Pathway Program

Family caregiving is vital for supporting people with disabilities and seniors. Many of these caregivers are young people. Youth caregivers provide services within the scope of practice of direct support professionals. The state should create a career pathway program in schools that would support the direct support profession while recognizing the contributions of youth caregiver family members and providing them support they need for academic success.

This bill will require the Governor's Council for Career Education (GCCE) to propose workplace learning strategies to the California Workforce Pathway Joint Advisory Committee (CWPJAC). The GCCE will look into the challenges and needs of youth caregivers in California and share these with the CWPJAC. The CWPJAC is to appoint, on or before July 1, 2028, an advisory group of subject matter experts to create and establish the Youth Caregivers Career Pathway program. The goal is to develop a Youth Caregivers Career Pathway program for direct support professionals. This program will include a curriculum focused on in-home caregiving for youth caregivers, allowing students in grades 9 to 12 to earn school credit while preparing for careers in direct support.

AB TBD (Arambula) Oral Health Services: Behavior Management

In 2018, the Medi-Cal Dental program started a new service called Behavior Management. This service helps patients with physical, behavioral, developmental, or emotional issues that make it hard for them to participate in a dental visit. However, dentists and Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAPs) can only bill for this service if the patient also receives another necessary dental procedure during the same visit. This means that providers might give expensive services without getting paid.

The proposed bill would change this rule. It would allow oral health professionals to bill for the Behavior Management service as a stand-alone service up to 3 times in a 12-month period. By the fourth use of Behavior Management code (D9920), the procedure must accompany a billable dental procedure.

Concurrent Resolution on the 60th Anniversary of the Two Pilot Regional Centers

(Author pending) - In 1966 Assembly Bill 691, authored by Assemblymember Jerome Waldie, was enacted, which established the two pilot regional centers, GGRC and FDLRC. 2026 marks the 60th anniversary of these two pilot regional centers.

Stabilizing Regional Center Funding

Regional centers are responsible for assessing individual eligibility for services, carrying out service coordination, developing and overseeing needed community resources, and ensuring systems meet federal funding requirements. Their current funding formula is outdated and inadequate, leaving regional centers without the resources to effectively fulfill their responsibilities in all these areas.

ARCA, The Lanterman Coalition, and CalTASH are jointly advocating to better match regional center funding with actual staffing costs. Make urgent investments into regional center staff funding so that individuals served receive the critical service coordination and systems navigation support they need, and regional centers can also carry out their other critical functions.

In addition, it is important to protect historic investments in sustainable service rates and to update these rates in response to the increased costs identified under AB 2423. This will help ensure an adequate workforce so that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) can access the services and supports they need.



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March 4, 2026

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ARCA's Annual Grassroots Day

This week's advocacy efforts were a remarkable success! With about 200 individuals, their

evening before. We were honored to recognize two inspiring legislators, Assemblymembers Dr. Arambula and Nguyen, for their commitment to our community and their unwavering advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families.

In a spirit of empowerment, 118 meetings were scheduled, where delegates passionately shared their stories with legislators at the state Capitol. The group effectively conveyed the vital services and support that regional centers provide. These meetings were filled with positivity and productive dialogue, highlighting our collective strength.





[Celebrating Choice, Connection, and Community](#)

As Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month begins this month, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is launching this year's social media campaign, Everyone Belongs. This theme centers on inclusion and access, and on the simple but powerful idea that people with developmental disabilities deserve to feel welcomed, valued, and seen in everyday community life. Throughout the month, they will be sharing stories and moments that highlight everyone's right to make choices, build connections, and participate fully in their community. If you have a story to share, please submit to pio@dds.ca.gov. Here are some suggested questions to get you started:

- What does belonging mean to you?
- Where do you feel most welcome or included in your community?
- Who are the people that help you feel connected?
- What are everyday activities that matter to you?
- What is something you want others to understand about your life or your community?

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Federal Policy Development Team is inviting community members to provide feedback on upcoming federal renewals.

The opportunity for public comment is for the renewal of the [Self-Determination Program \(SDP\) Home and Community-Based Services \(HCBS\) Waiver](#). The public comment period for this item

Email your comment(s) on either, or both, of these renewal items to federal.programs@dds.ca.gov before their March deadlines listed above.

Oportunidad para comentarios públicos sobre dos exenciones estatales

El Equipo de Desarrollo de Políticas Federales del Departamento de Servicios de Desarrollo (DDS) invita a la comunidad a compartir sus comentarios sobre una renovaciones federales.

La oportunidad para comentarios públicos es sobre la renovación de la [Exención de Servicios Basados en el Hogar y la Comunidad \(HCBS\) del Programa de Autodeterminación \(SDP\)](#). El período de comentarios públicos para este tema cierra el 8 de marzo de 2026.

Envíe sus comentarios sobre cualquiera de estas renovaciones, o ambas, a federal.programs@dds.ca.gov antes de las fechas límite de marzo mencionadas anteriormente.

[Workforce Summit: Strengthening the Direct Support Profession](#)

You are invited to attend [INVISIBLE NO MORE: Advancing California's Direct Support Profession](#), a two-day statewide gathering focused on strengthening and elevating California's Direct Support workforce. This is an in-person event held at the North Natomas Community Center in Sacramento. The event is hosted by the California Policy Center for the Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (CPCIDD), the California Community Living Network (CCLN), the California Disability Services Association (CDSA) and the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA).

When: May 27 & 28, 2026 ([Register for the in-person event](#))

Who are the people that help you feel connected?

What are everyday activities that matter to you?

What is something you want others to understand about your life or your community?



[The Lanterman Coalition: Keeping California's Promise- Conversations with Candidates for California's Governor and the Disability Community](#)

The Lanterman Coalition has launched the "Keeping California's Promise" Gubernatorial Candidate Interview Series. This non-partisan series focuses on disability rights, the Lanterman Act, and California's ongoing commitment to the disability community. Everyone is invited to hear directly from candidates vying to be the next Governor of California about their commitment to people with disabilities and their vision for the future of essential services and supports.

The next scheduled Gubernatorial interview will be on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 11:30 am. [Register here](#) to join the conversation with candidate [Tom Steyer](#).

If you happened to miss any of the previous interviews, please rest assured that the recordings are available for your [viewing here](#). The most recent discussion with candidate Tony Thurmond, conducted this past Monday, featured Amy Westling, ARCA's Executive Director and co-chair of The Lanterman Coalition, along with public speaker and human rights advocate Nicole Adler.

All active candidates for California Governor have been invited to participate in the **"Keeping California's Promise"** interview series. Scheduling is in progress and updates will be provided when new candidates have been added to the calendar.

[La Coalición Lanterman: Cumpliendo la Promesa de California - Conversaciones con Candidatos a Gobernador de California y la Comunidad de Personas con Discapacidad](#)

"Cumpliendo la Promesa de California". Esta serie no partidista se centra en los derechos de las personas con discapacidad, la Ley Lanterman y el compromiso continuo de California con la comunidad de personas con discapacidad. Todos están invitados a escuchar directamente de los candidatos que aspiran a ser el próximo Gobernador de California sobre su compromiso con las personas con discapacidad y su visión para el futuro de los servicios y apoyos esenciales.

La próxima entrevista a gobernador programada será el miércoles 25 de marzo de 2026 a las 11:30 am. [Regístrese aquí](#) para unirse a la conversación con el candidato [Tom Steyer](#).

Todos los candidatos activos a gobernador de California han sido invitados a participar en la serie de entrevistas "**Cumpliendo la Promesa de California**". La programación está en curso y se actualizará cuando se agreguen nuevos candidatos al calendario.



[Medicaid Impacts for Idaho Families](#)

Across the country, people with disabilities and their families are facing significant challenges due to cuts in Medicaid funding. Many states are grappling with budget issues exacerbated by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which is projected to reduce federal Medicaid spending by nearly \$1 trillion over the next decade.

States like Idaho are expected to experience substantial losses in federal Medicaid funding as a

Key services at risk include 24/7 care, in-home caregiving, and private duty nursing. Concerns about these services were raised when Idaho Governor Brad Little proposed balancing the state budget by cutting \$22 million from Medicaid, [according to KFF Health News](#). Home- and community-based services (HCBS) such as caregiving, nursing, and residential rehabilitation, are considered optional under Medicaid, and Governor Little identified them as potential targets for cuts. Read more here.



[Get involved by signing up for ARCA's Voter Voice System—
it's a great way to make your voice heard!](#)

ARCA has launched a new system designed to make it easier for our community to engage and take action on state and federal issues that affect the developmental disabilities system. Personal stories significantly influence the shaping and impact policy. We recognize the power our community holds when we unite for a common cause. ARCA's positions are representative of the needs identified by the regional centers and the communities they serve.

We are thrilled to introduce [Voter Voice](#), a platform that will allow our community to engage in various campaigns benefiting California's developmental services system. This includes activities such as phone banking, writing letters, connecting with representatives, attending rallies, or simply remaining informed about legislative and budgetary issues.



[Congratulations Jill Escher!](#)

Jill Escher, President of the National Council on Severe Autism (NCSA), will be awarded the 2026 Caryn Schwartzman Spirit Award during the [Autism Science Foundation's \(ASE\) 13th Annual Day of Learning](#) on March 26 in New York City. This honor recognizes exceptional advocacy in autism research by family members. Jill Escher is a long time advocate from the Autism Society San Francisco Bay Area and current President of the National Council on Severe Autism.



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We've enjoyed working with you on developmental disabilities services issues, including webinars and advocacy campaigns.

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SPAC Meeting Notes – 2/17/26

- I. Justin Levi – SPAC Chair
 - a. Grand opening postponed again
 - b. Update on PRA training
 - i. Probably in April with attorney Mark Thompson
 - ii. Will be only on Zoom
- II. Bill Kiefaber, Marketing Works – DSP Collaborative Website
 - a. Hiring website for DSPs
 - b. [Dpscollaborative.org](https://dpscollaborative.org)
- III. Subcommittees
 - a. We have the first few potential subcommittee members
- IV. Next meeting – March 17, 10:30 a.m.

Good evening, Board Members & Guest:
2026

March 11,

Here is the CAC report for March. This is what CAC has done so far. CAC is volunteering in the community we have done 33 hours in total. On January 31, advocates attended Maxine waters Town Hall Meeting. There was a panel talking about housing. There's about 8,000 people experiencing Homeless California. Another panelist talked about Medical and Medicare and they also talked about College Financial Aid. IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service on February 28th attended a Health Fair at Kaiser Permanente. They had yoga class and cooking demonstrations. Blood pressure reading and art gallery, we continue to support each in their IPP meetings, partner up with different Regional Centers. For example, SLARC, HR, ELARC, and SCDD. CAC also honor Black History Month a few advocates looked up different individuals. For instance, Claudette Colvin. Wilma Beks and much more.

And that's the Report

MARCH SELF ADVOCACY CALENDAR 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>2. TRAVEL CLUB @ EL Pollo Loco 5529 Sepulveda Blvd Culver City 5PM-7PM (CROSS STREET BERRYMAN Ave)</p>	<p>3. PUBLIC RELATION @ WESTFIELD MALL FOX HILLS MALL 6000 Sepulveda Blvd (Culver City Get access at Target Second floor) 5PM-7PM</p>	<p>4. FINDING OUR OWN VOICE @ DEL TACO 11446 Jefferson Blvd Culver City (Cross street Slauson Ave) 5PM-7PM</p>	<p>5. IF IT RAINS GROUP WILL BE CANCEL</p>	<p>6. Dr. Paul CARLSON MEMORIAL Park 10400 Braddock Dr. Culver City (Cross street Le Bourge Ave) 5PM-7PM</p>
<p>9. WINNERS @ Wendy's 9036 Venice Blvd Culver City (Cross street Culver Blvd) 5PM-7PM</p>	<p>10. SELF DETRMINATION ZOOM 6PM – 8PM</p>	<p>11. WRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REGISTER FOR THE MEETING 6:30PM- 8PM</p>	<p>12. MOVERS @ 11223 NATIONAL BLVD Los Angeles Cross street Sepulveda Blvd 5PM – 7PM</p>	<p>13. EXERCISE LINDBERG PARK 5041 Rhoda Wy (Culver City Cross street Ocean Dr.) 5PM – 7PM</p>
<p>16. RELATIONSHIP @ WESTFIELD MALL FOX HILLS MALL 6000 Sepulveda Blvd (Culver City Get access at Target Second floor) 5PM- 7PM</p>	<p>17. MOVIES @ HOWARD HUGHES 6081 center Dr. Los Angeles Cross street Sepulveda Blvd 4pm until movie is over</p>	<p>18. SHAKERS @ ONO HAWAIIAN BBQ 10814 Jefferson Blvd Culver City (Cross street Costa Ave) 5PM -7PM</p>	<p>19. CAC @ BUGER KING 10812 Jefferson Blvd Culver City (Cross street Cota St.) 5PM – 7PM</p>	<p>20.</p>
<p>23. SLARC/AAC 10AM – 12PM</p>	<p>24. SLARC BOARD MEETING 7PM- 9PM ZOOM</p>	<p>25.</p>	<p>26.</p>	<p>27.</p>
<p>FOR MORRE INFORMATION CONTACT LINDA BULTER (310) 258-4245</p>				
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Get to Know WRC Services and Supports — At Your Own Pace

Interactive 5-10 minute courses are available on the following topics:

- Early Start
- Intake and Eligibility
- Service Coordination
- Individualized Program Plan (IPP) Meeting
- Adaptive Skills
- Coordinated Family Support (CFS) Service
- Personal Assistance (PA) and Respite Services
- Restored Services
- Self-Determination Program (SDP)
- Hearing and Appeal Process
- Westside Family Resource and Empowerment Center (WFREC)

A few minutes of learning can help you understand WRC services and feel more confident navigating supports

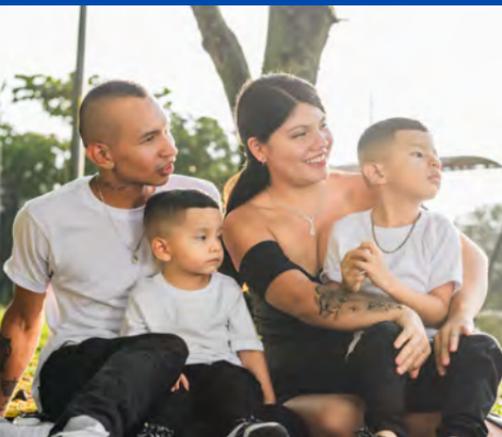
Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to log in/register and get started.



Courses are available in English and Spanish. These courses were paid for by Language Access and Cultural Competency funding. If you have questions, please reach out to Belen Enciso, belene@westsiderc.org.



VIRTUAL SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM (SDP) RESOURCE FAIR



Join us for a free, family-friendly resource fair. It will be a day of connection, discovery, and learning. Meet service providers, hear real-life testimonials, and participate in activities, raffles, and prizes. Everything is designed to help you take small, concrete steps on your path toward Self-Determination.



Saturday, March 28, 2026



10:00 A.M - 2:00 P.M



Zoom



[Register Here](#)

Note: We are grateful for each participating provider who joins us. Their presence reflects their interest in serving our community – it does not constitute an official endorsement by Westside Regional Center or Life Maximizer. We encourage all families to ask questions, explore their options, and choose what is best for

FERIA VIRTUAL DE RECURSOS DEL PROGRAMA DE AUTODETERMINACIÓN (SDP)



Acompáñanos a una feria de recursos gratuita y familiar. Será un día de conexión, descubrimiento y aprendizaje. Conoce a proveedores de servicios, escucha testimonios reales y participa en actividades, rifas y premios. Todo está diseñado para ayudarte a dar pasos pequeños y concretos en tu camino hacia la Autodeterminación.



Sabado, 28 de Marzo 2026



10:00 A.M - 2:00 P.M



Zoom



Regístrate Aquí

Nota: Estamos agradecidos por cada proveedor participante que se une a nosotros. Su presencia refleja su interés en servir a nuestra comunidad – no constituye un respaldo oficial del Centro Regional Westside ni de Life Maximizer. Animamos a todas las familias a hacer preguntas, explorar opciones y elegir lo que sea adecuado para ellas.

Bhatia Family Village

9224 W. Pico Blvd.

WRC Executive Board Member, Terry Magady and WRC Executive Director, Jane Borochoff with Los Angeles Mayor, Karen Bass



Mixed use housing for neurodiverse adults developed by Cornerstone Housing for Adults with Disabilities

Bhatia Family Village



- Six-story building
- 64 studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom apartments
- 9,400 square feet of ground-floor commercial space
- 55-car basement garage

9224 W. Pico Blvd.

WRC Executive Board Member, Terry Magady and WRC Executive Director, Jane Borochoff with Los Angeles County Supervisor, Lindsey Horvath, Third District



Bhatia Family Village

9224 W. Pico Blvd.



Amenities

- Rooftop Oasis
- Coffee & Tea Bar
- Gym & Wellness Center
- Art Studio
- Urban Organic Garden
- Multimedia Room
- 24/7 Security
- Sunroom
- Podcast Studio

ANNUAL PURCHASE OF SERVICE MEETINGS



Learn about Westside Regional Center's Data on Purchase of Service for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

We will be conducting two meetings about data on service spending and community demographics. These meetings offer an opportunity to hear about the efforts to improve overall access to services.

Please join us on:

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Spanish (via Zoom)

[Registration Link](#)



Thursday, April 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in English (in-person)

In-person meeting will take place at
WRC's new location: 777 Aviation Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245

[Registration Link](#)



Information will be the same at both meetings.

Spanish language interpretation will be available for meeting led in English and English interpretation will be available for Spanish led meeting. Other language Interpretation will be available upon request. Please let us know your preference by indication on the registration or by e-mailing: Sarah Rasmussen at

sarahr@westsiderc.org



REUNION ANUAL DE COMPRA DE SERVICIOS



Reúnase con nosotros para informarse acerca de los Datos y Demografía del Centro Regional de Westside para el Año Fiscal 2024-2025

Llevaremos a cabo dos reuniones sobre datos referentes a los servicios y la demografía de la comunidad. Estas reuniones ofrecen la oportunidad de conocer los esfuerzos para mejorar el acceso general a los servicios.

Por favor, refiérase a las siguientes fechas:

25 de marzo, 2025 de 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (por medio de Zoom en español)

Enlace de registro



2 de abril, 2025 de 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (en persona en inglés)

La reunión en persona se llevará a cabo en

la nueva localidad del Centro : 777 Aviation Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245

Enlace de registro



La información presentada será igual en las dos reuniones.

Servicio de interpretación en español para la junta en inglés estará disponible. Interpretación para otros lenguajes estarán disponible por petición. Por favor indique su preferencia por medio del registro o enviando un correo electrónico a sarahr@westsiderc.org

Purchase of Service (POS) Public Meetings

Virtual Presentation in Spanish: March 25, 2026, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

In-person Presentation in English: April 2, 2026, 10am – 12pm

Presenters

Pablo Ibañez, Director of Client Services

pabloi@westsiderc.org

Ricardo Pacheco, Associate Director of Community Services

ricardop@westsiderc.org

Rosalinda Mata, Equity and Cultural Diversity Specialist

rosalindam@westsiderc.org

Agenda

- Mission Statement
- About the People We Support
- Service Reports for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- Efforts to Increase Community Engagement and Access
- Community Feedback

Mission Statement

It is Westside Regional Center's mission to support people with developmental disabilities, their families, and communities of choice by facilitating access to person-centered, culturally responsive services and resources.

About the People We Support

Purchase of Service (POS) Data

Westside Regional Center (WRC) presents the following data as required by the Lanterman Act (Welfare & Institutions Code, Section 4519.5).

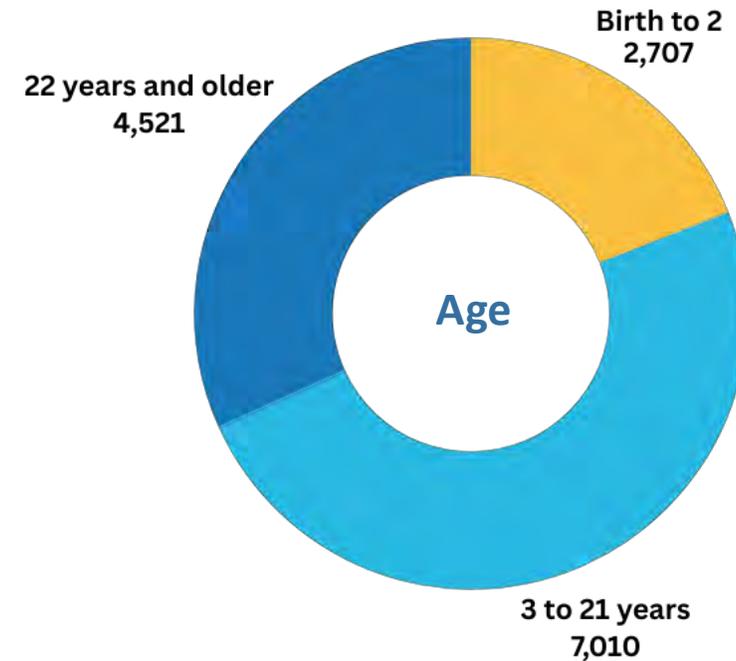
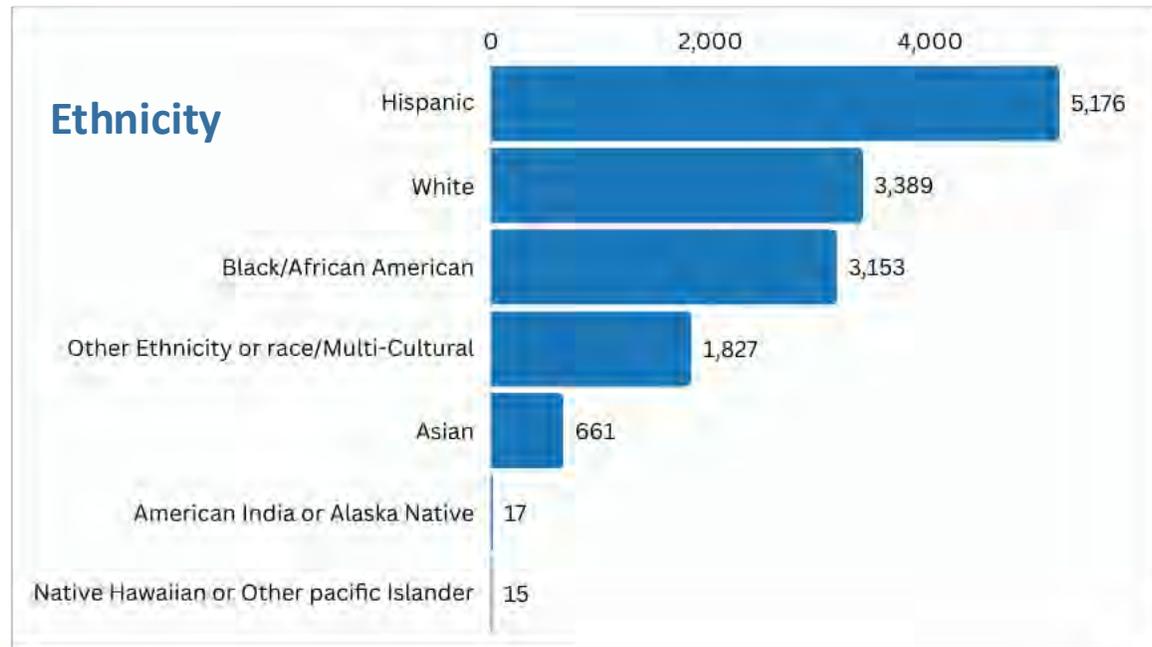
Report for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 is on our website, under Transparency:

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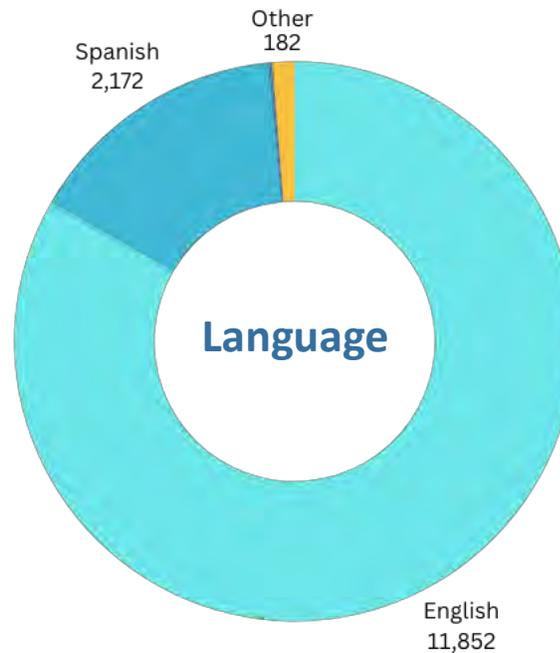
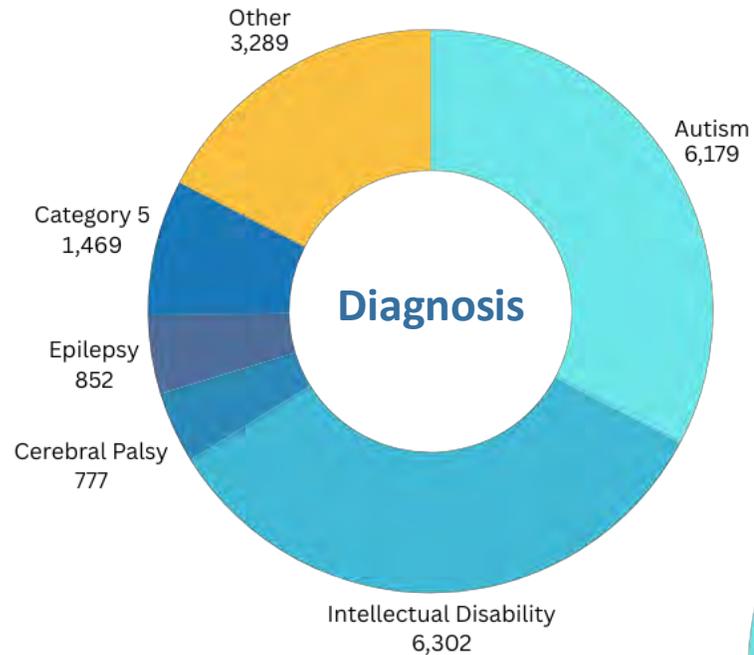
People Supported by WRC in Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Total Number of People Supported

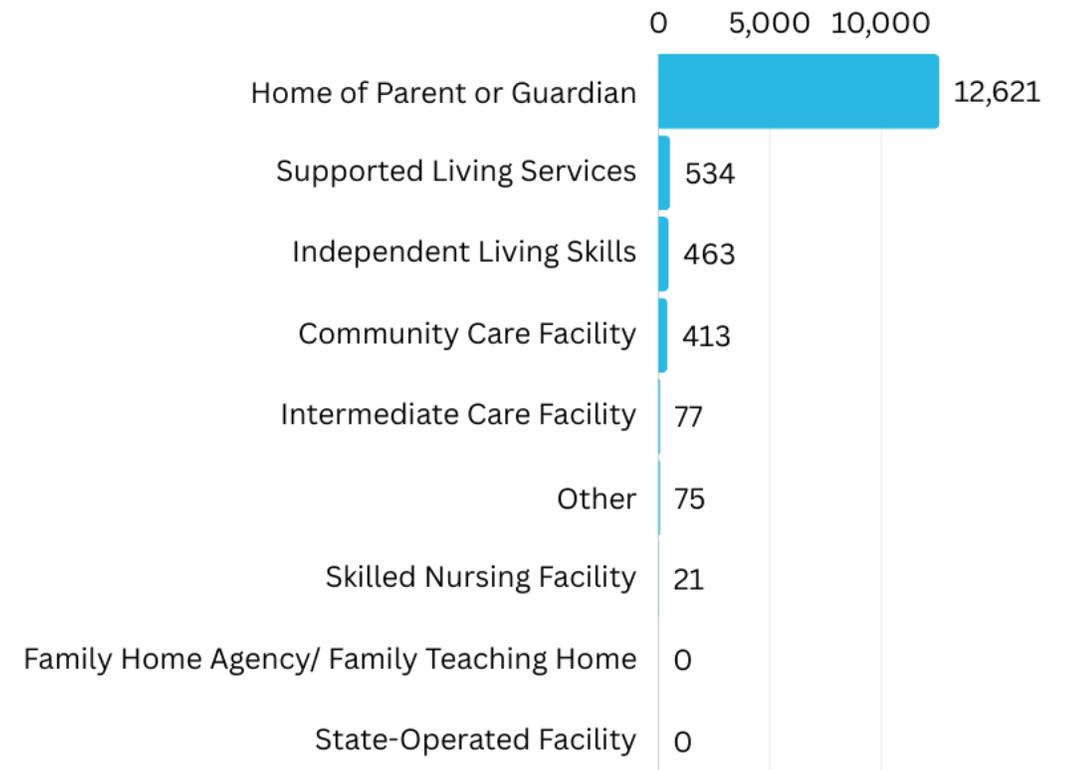
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People Supported by WRC in Fiscal Year 2024-2025



Residence Type



Service Reports for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Definitions of Terms

Fiscal Year (FY)

- a 12-month reporting period from July 1 to June 30

Purchase of Service (POS)

- money that WRC pays for services that people receive

Per Capita Expenditures

- the average amount of money spent per person on services

Per Capita Authorized Services

- the average amount of money approved to be spent per person on services

Privacy Protection (De-Identification Guidelines)

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Utilization

- the percentage of approved services that were used and paid for

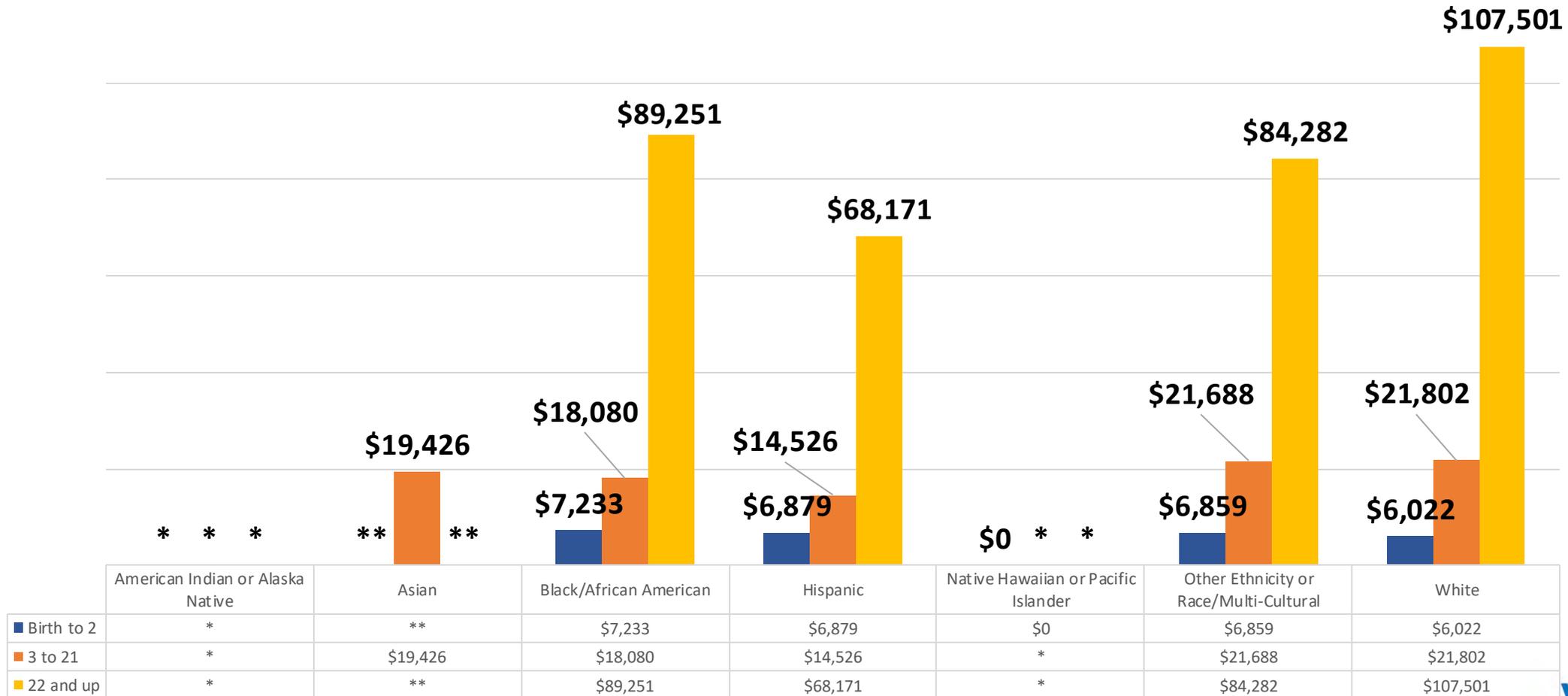
Threshold Language

- a language spoken by at least 5% of individuals receiving services (English and Spanish for WRC)

Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Number of Individuals	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Percent Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	17	\$53,581	\$64,076	83.6%
Asian	661	\$35,295	\$59,508	59.3%
Black/African American	3,153	\$45,807	\$69,271	66.1%
Hispanic	5,176	\$27,039	\$42,783	63.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	15	\$15,407	\$27,121	56.8%
Other Ethnicity or Race/Multi-Cultural	1,827	\$31,713	\$53,841	58.9%
White	3,389	\$49,873	\$82,737	60.3%
Total	14,238	\$37,632	\$60,363	62.3%

Dollar Amount Spent per Person by Age and Ethnicity

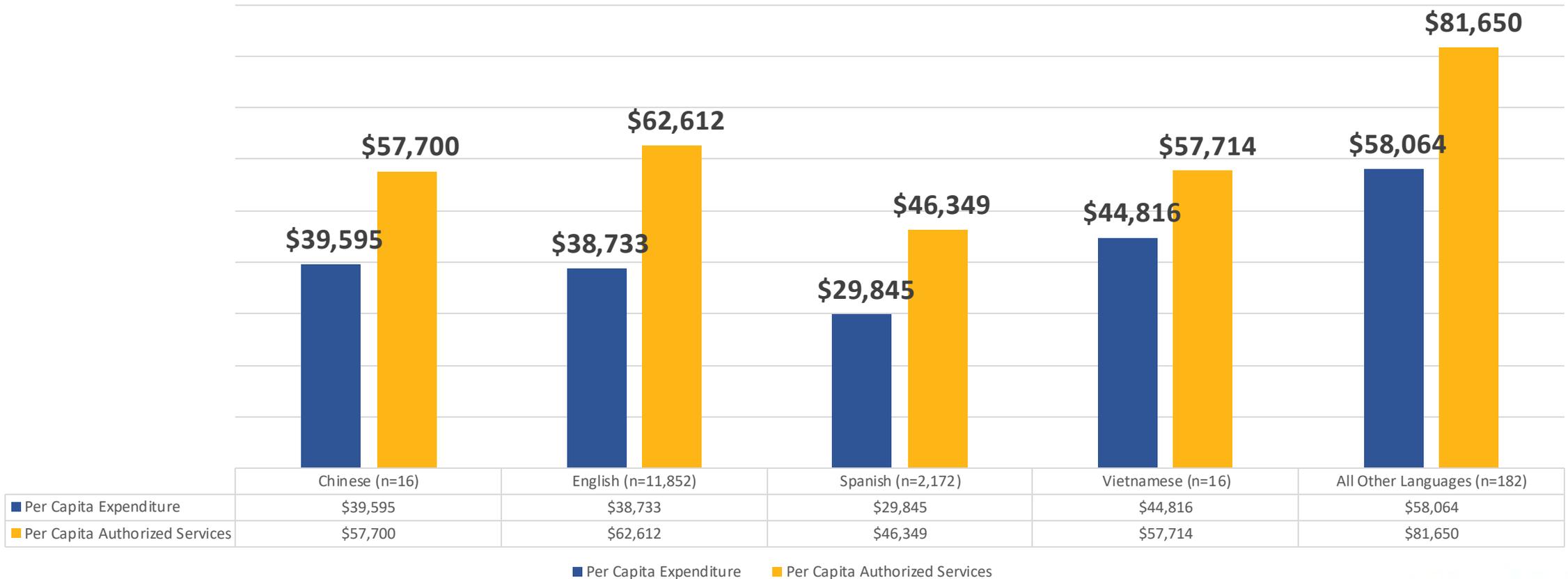


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Total Individuals: 14,238



Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Language

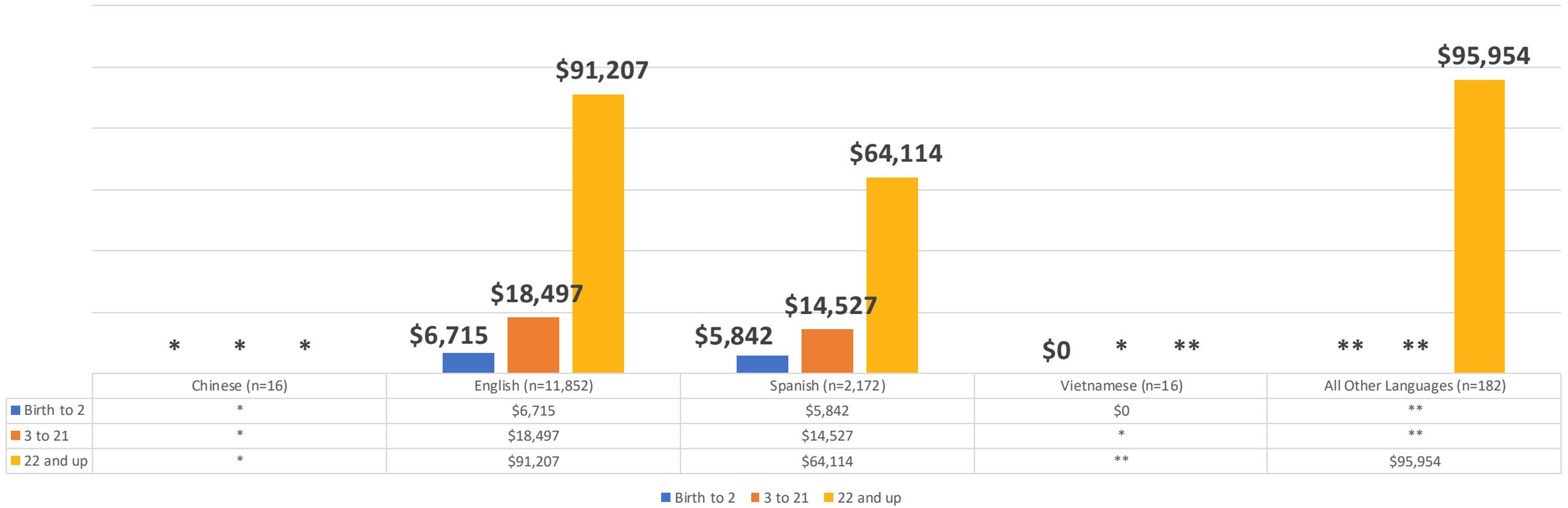


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Dollar Amount Spent per Person by Age and Language

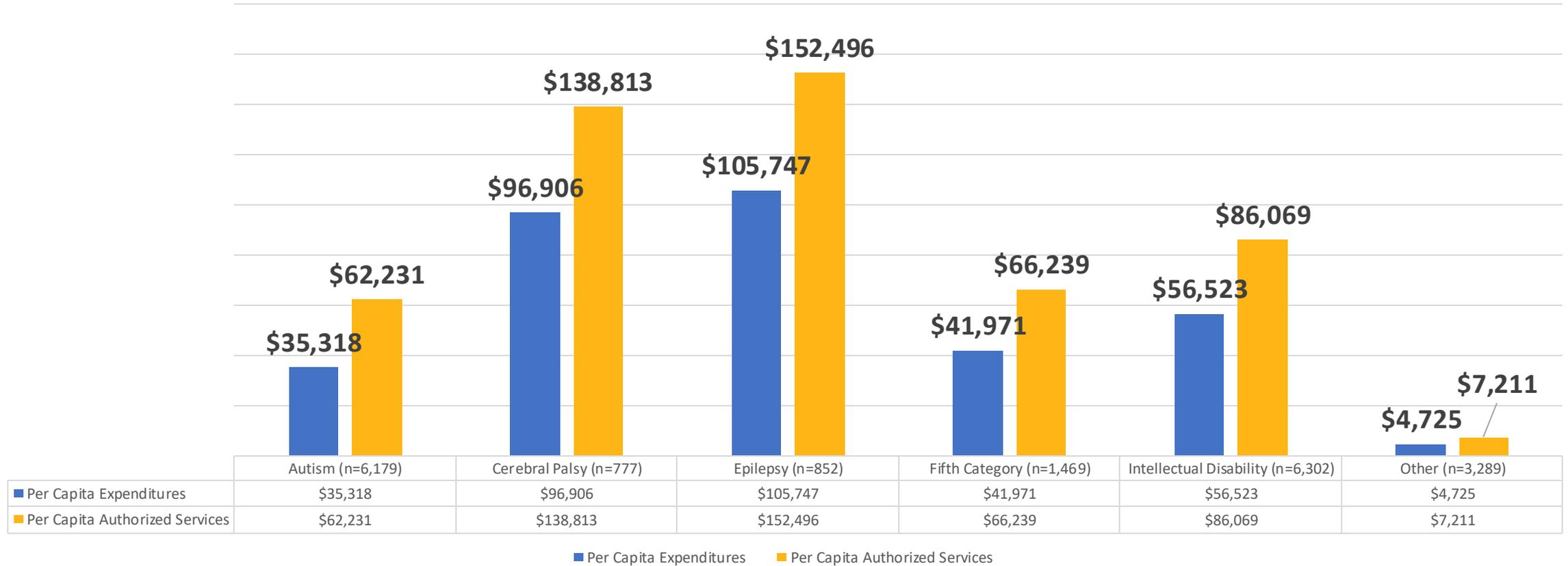


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Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Diagnosis

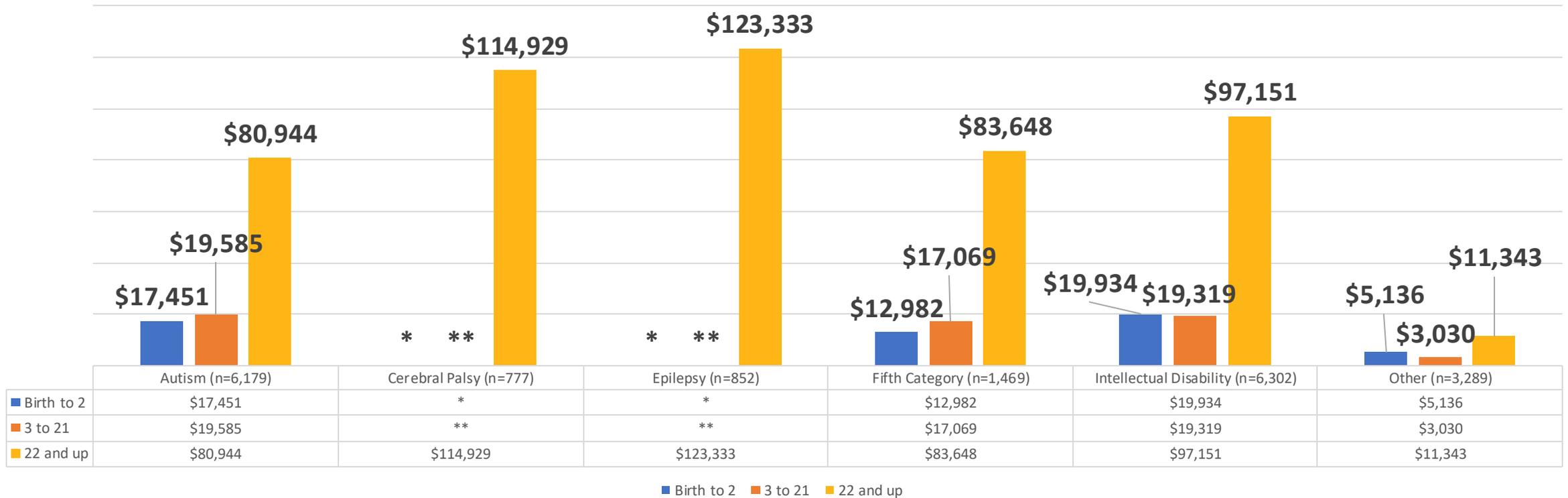


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Dollar Amount Spent per Person by Age and Diagnosis

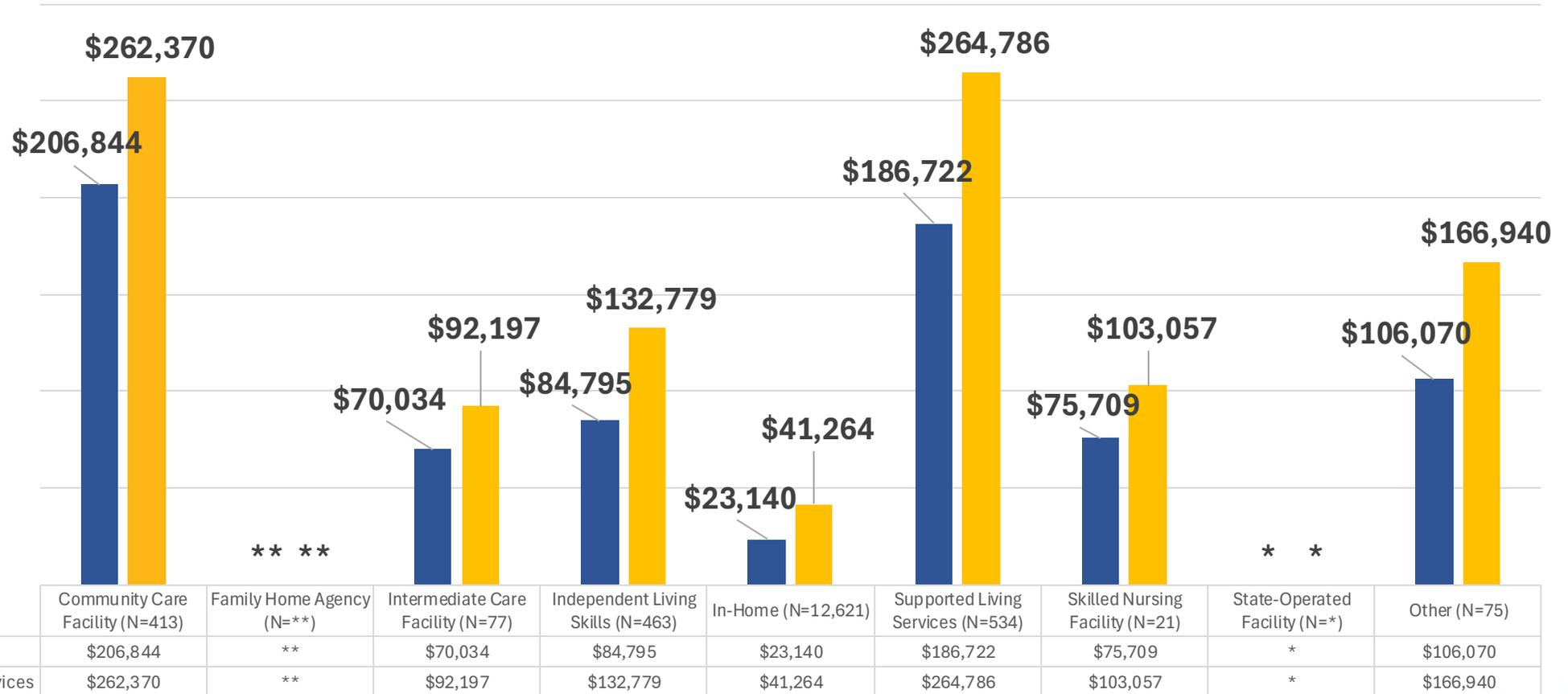


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Dollar Amount of Services Per Person by Types of Residence

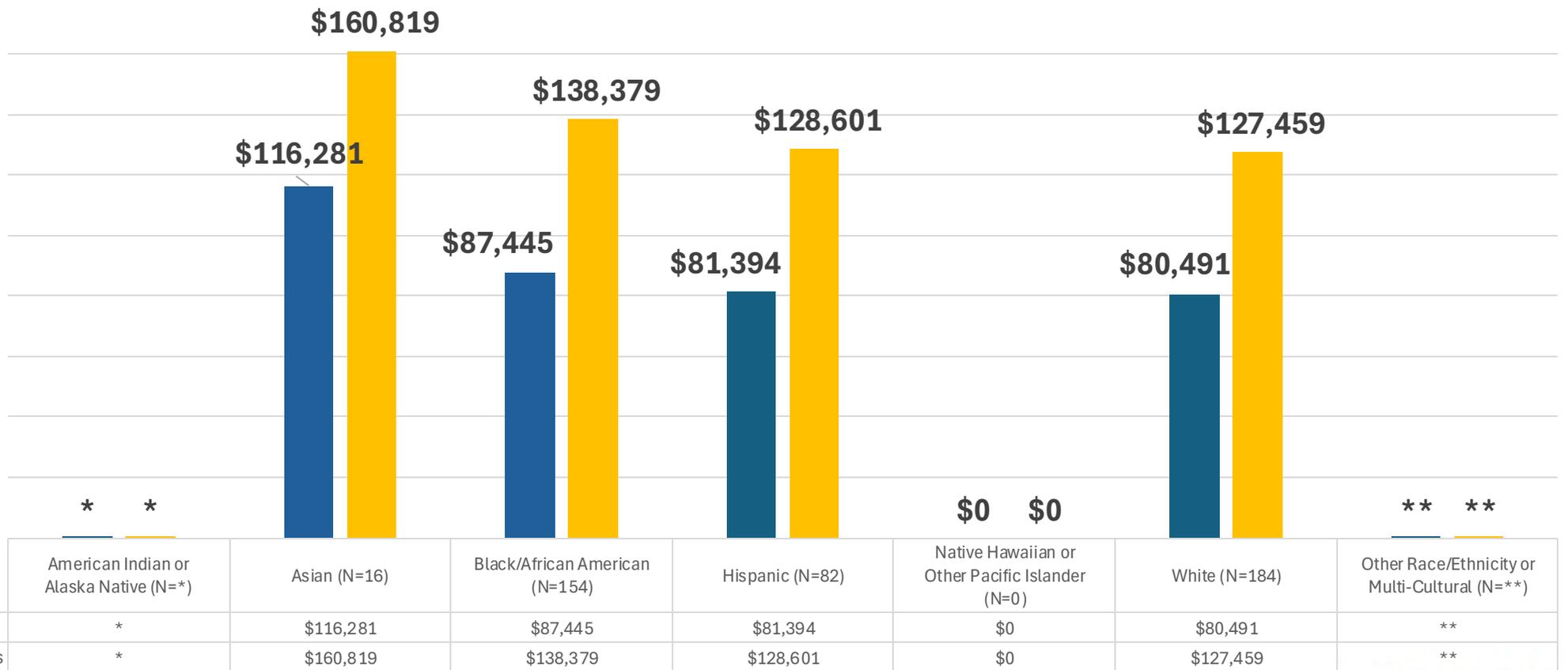


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Total Individuals: 14,238



Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Ethnicity and Residence Type: Independent Living Skills (ILS)

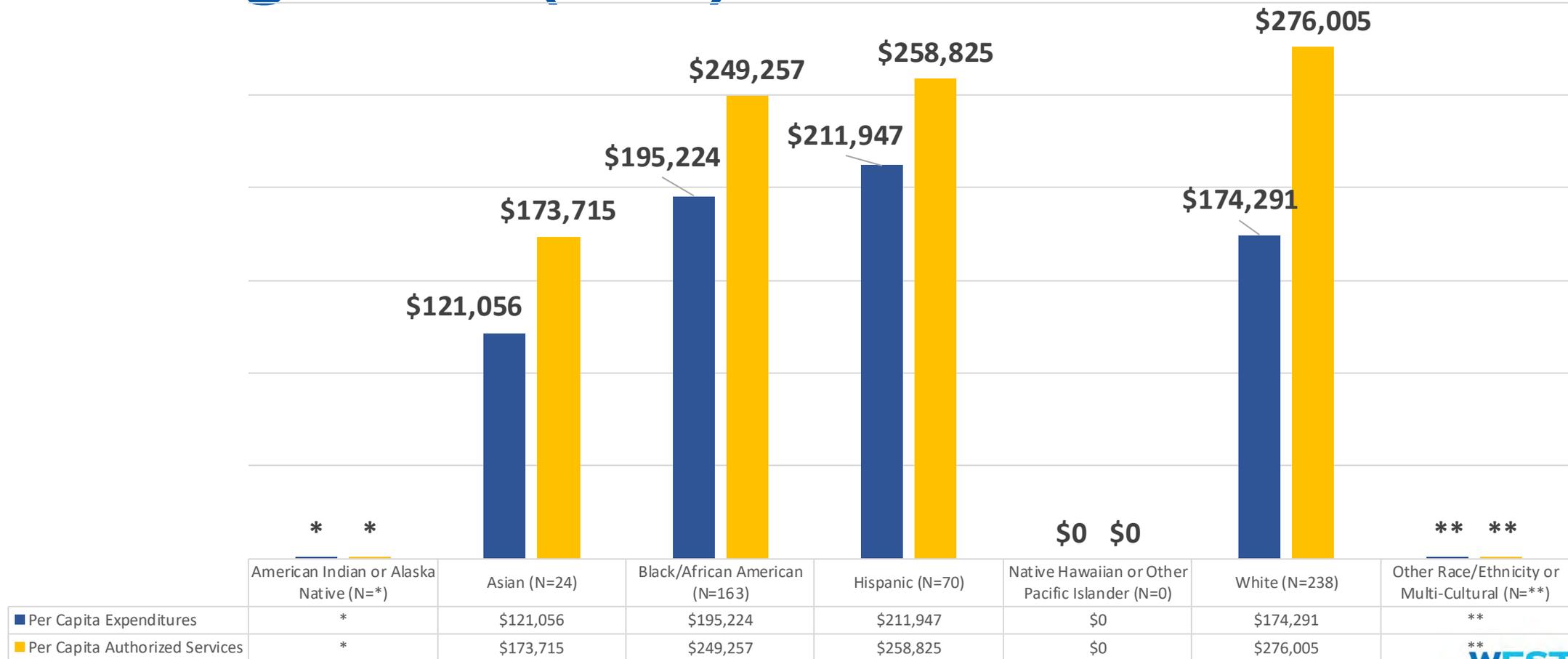


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Total Individuals: 463



Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Ethnicity and Residence Type: Supported Living Skills (SLS)

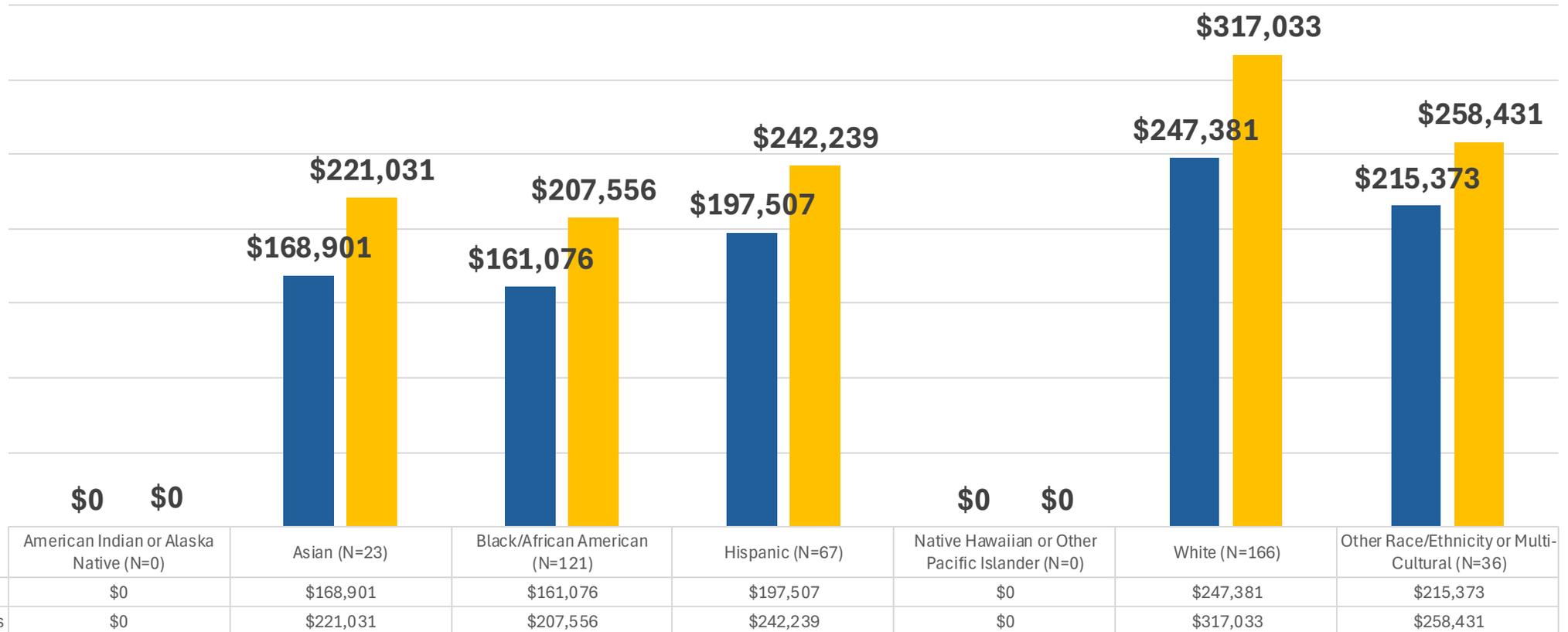


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Total Individuals: 534



Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Ethnicity and Residence Type: Community Care Facility (CFS)

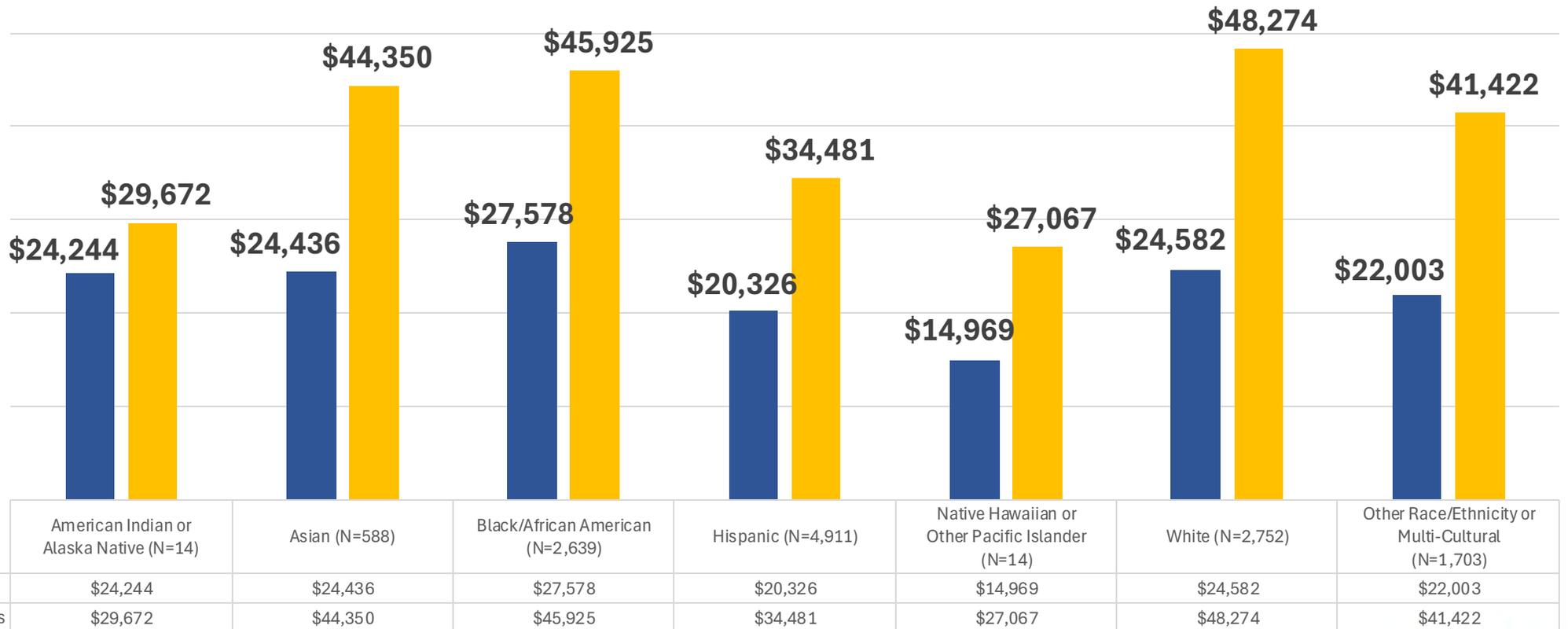


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Total Individuals: 413



Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Ethnicity and Residence Type: In-Home

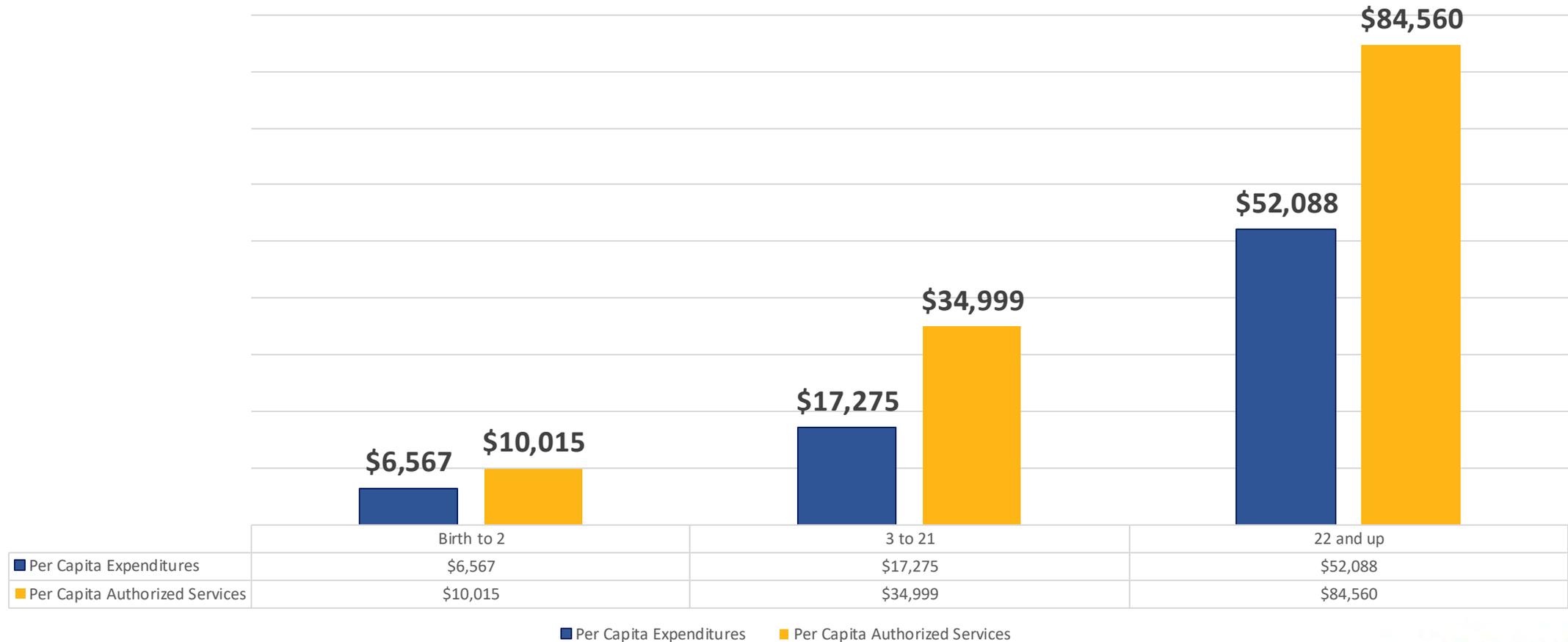


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Total Individuals: 12,621



Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Age and Residence Type: In-Home

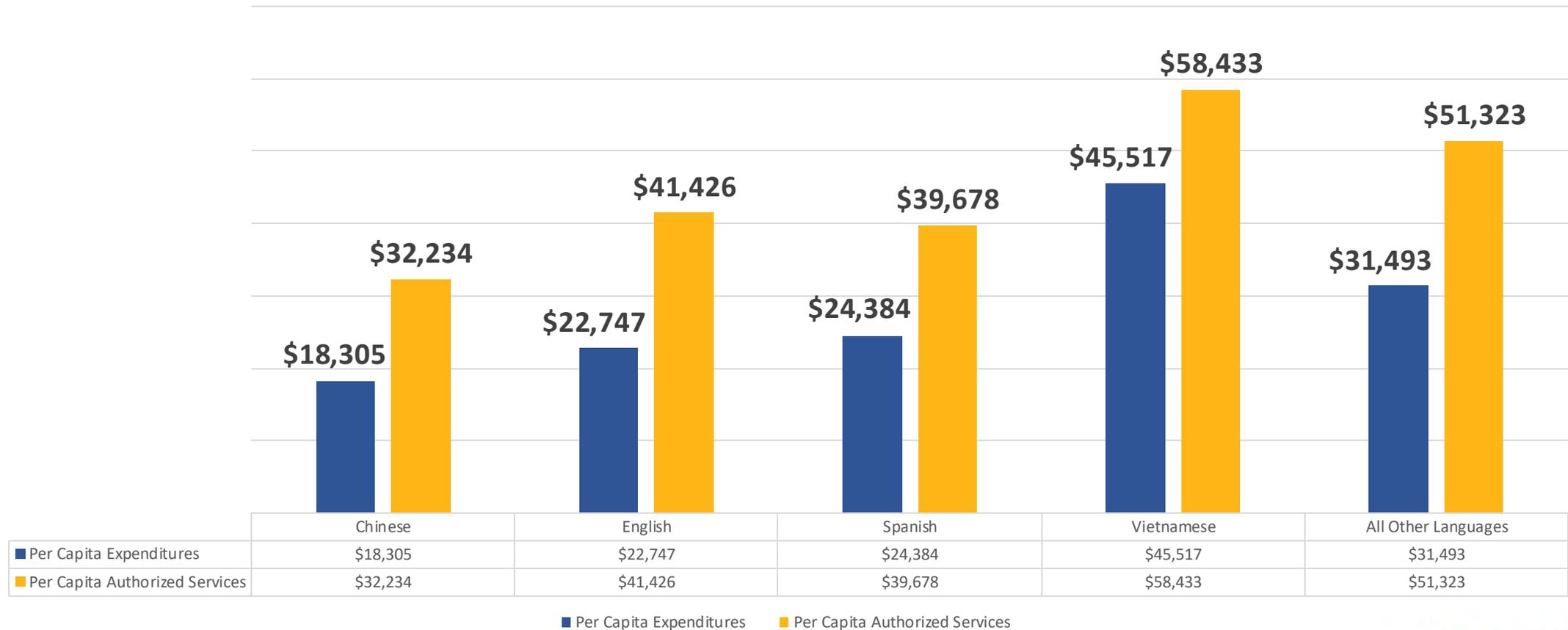


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Total Individuals: 12,621



Dollar Amount of Services per Person by Language and Residence Type: In-Home



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Total Individuals: 12,621



Dollar Amount of Services by Ethnicity and Age for Social Recreation Services

Examples: sports club, special Olympics, participant-directed community activities, social recreation program, and creative art program

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	**	**	**	**	**	48.3%
Black/African American	313	\$ 1,095,441	\$ 2,382,390	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,611	46.0%
Hispanic	481	\$ 1,502,667	\$ 3,550,490	\$ 3,124	\$ 7,381	42.3%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	68.9%
White	421	\$ 2,089,616	\$ 4,323,083	\$ 4,963	\$ 10,269	48.3%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	246	\$ 869,364	\$ 1,718,778	\$ 3,534	\$ 6,987	50.6%
Total	1,551	\$ 5,902,579	\$ 12,688,751	\$ 3,806	\$ 8,181	46.5%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	**	**	**	**	**	46.5%
Black/African American	218	\$ 503,927	\$ 1,182,509	\$ 2,312	\$ 5,424	42.6%
Hispanic	409	\$ 1,044,227	\$ 2,629,238	\$ 2,553	\$ 6,428	39.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	68.9%
White	274	\$ 1,046,570	\$ 2,243,753	\$ 3,820	\$ 8,189	46.6%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	216	\$ 634,759	\$ 1,400,736	\$ 2,939	\$ 6,485	45.3%
Total	1,187	\$ 3,462,501	\$ 7,956,319	\$ 2,917	\$ 6,703	43.5%

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Dollar Amount of Services by Ethnicity for Camping Services for by Age

Examples: day camps and overnight camps and associated travel services

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	**	**	**	**	**	39.7%
Black/African American	106	\$ 337,550	\$ 954,707	\$ 3,184	\$ 9,007	35.4%
Hispanic	81	\$ 208,107	\$ 619,427	\$ 2,569	\$ 7,647	33.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	100.0%
White	105	\$ 475,545	\$ 1,163,836	\$ 4,529	\$ 11,084	40.9%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	79	\$ 309,006	\$ 649,836	\$ 3,911	\$ 8,226	47.6%
Total	395	\$ 1,423,227	\$ 3,620,875	\$ 3,603	\$ 9,167	39.3%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	**	**	**	**	**	36.6%
Black/African American	94	\$ 313,181	\$ 889,408	\$ 3,332	\$ 9,462	35.2%
Hispanic	**	**	**	**	**	32.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	100.0%
White	92	\$ 430,654	\$ 1,056,638	\$ 4,681	\$ 11,485	40.8%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	**	**	**	**	**	43.4%
Total	350	\$ 1,243,472	\$ 3,282,639	\$ 3,553	\$ 9,379	37.9%

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Dollar Amount of Services by Ethnicity and Age for Educational Services

Examples: applicable to ages 3 and 17 years old; school for the death-blind, tutor services, public school early intervention program, educational psychologist, teacher, teacher's aide, teacher of special education, tutor, educational services

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	**	**	**	**	**	74.6%
Black/African American	135	\$ 853,637	\$ 1,573,731	\$ 6,323	\$ 11,657	54.2%
Hispanic	231	\$ 1,673,366	\$ 2,831,977	\$ 7,244	\$ 12,260	59.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	63.5%
White	112	\$ 662,592	\$ 1,315,004	\$ 5,916	\$ 11,741	50.4%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	102	\$ 636,026	\$ 1,072,510	\$ 6,236	\$ 10,515	59.3%
Total	620	\$ 4,238,290	\$ 7,347,182	\$ 6,836	\$ 11,850	57.7%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
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Dollar Amount of Services by Ethnicity for Non-Medical Services by Age

Examples: specialized recreation therapy, art therapist, dance therapist, music therapist and recreation therapist

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	12	\$ 37,194	\$ 71,180	\$ 3,099	\$ 5,932	52.3%
Black/African American	15	\$ 29,150	\$ 75,285	\$ 1,943	\$ 5,019	38.7%
Hispanic	41	\$ 49,450	\$ 134,665	\$ 1,206	\$ 3,285	36.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
White	45	\$ 103,255	\$ 202,066	\$ 2,295	\$ 4,490	51.1%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	33	\$ 67,435	\$ 129,182	\$ 2,043	\$ 3,915	52.2%
Total	146	\$ 286,484	\$ 612,379	\$ 1,962	\$ 4,194	46.8%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	*	*	*	*	*	52.8%
Black/African American	**	**	**	**	**	39.0%
Hispanic	**	**	**	**	**	32.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
White	39	\$ 84,310	\$ 171,416	\$ 2,162	\$ 4,395	49.2%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	31	\$ 67,330	\$ 128,050	\$ 2,172	\$ 4,131	52.6%
Total	130	\$ 242,530	\$ 533,942	\$ 1,866	\$ 4,107	45.4%

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Dollar Amount of Services by Ethnicity for Other Social Recreation Services by Age

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	36	\$ 116,353	\$ 350,170	\$ 3,232	\$ 9,727	33.2%
Black/African American	85	\$ 166,561	\$ 642,074	\$ 1,960	\$ 7,554	25.9%
Hispanic	154	\$ 348,062	\$ 1,226,991	\$ 2,260	\$ 7,967	28.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
White	134	\$ 460,053	\$ 1,069,336	\$ 3,433	\$ 7,980	43.0%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	91	\$ 182,519	\$ 652,974	\$ 2,006	\$ 7,176	28.0%
Total	500	\$ 1,273,548	\$ 3,941,544	\$ 2,547	\$ 7,883	32.3%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Asian	**	**	**	**	**	30.1%
Black/African American	59	\$ 79,477	\$ 399,696	\$ 1,347	\$ 6,775	19.9%
Hispanic	118	\$ 232,548	\$ 836,253	\$ 1,971	\$ 7,087	27.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
White	103	\$ 330,463	\$ 803,986	\$ 3,208	\$ 7,806	41.1%
Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural	**	**	**	**	**	29.2%
Total	393	\$ 913,731	\$ 2,958,610	\$ 2,325	\$ 7,528	30.9%

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Dollar Amount of Services for Social Recreation Services by Language and Age

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	*	*	*	*	*	81.7%
English	1,374	\$ 5,207,732	\$ 11,113,577	\$ 3,790	\$ 8,088	46.9%
Spanish	165	\$ 676,330	\$ 1,538,847	\$ 4,099	\$ 9,326	44.0%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	**	**	**	**	**	48.5%
Total	1,551	\$ 5,902,579	\$ 12,688,751	\$ 3,806	\$ 8,181	46.5%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	*	*	*	*	*	81.7%
English	1,057	\$ 3,116,316	\$ 7,084,495	\$ 2,948	\$ 6,702	44.0%
Spanish	123	\$ 332,807	\$ 844,684	\$ 2,706	\$ 6,867	39.4%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	*	*	*	*	*	45.7%
Total	1,187	\$ 3,462,501	\$ 7,956,319	\$ 2,917	\$ 6,703	43.5%

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Dollar Amount of Services for Camping Services by Language and Age

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
English	365	\$ 1,327,450	\$ 3,309,868	\$ 3,637	\$ 9,068	40.1%
Spanish	**	**	**	**	**	25.4%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	*	*	*	*	*	52.8%
Total	395	\$ 1,423,227	\$ 3,620,875	\$ 3,603	\$ 9,167	39.3%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
English	327	\$ 1,174,821	\$ 2,997,939	\$ 3,593	\$ 9,168	39.2%
Spanish	**	**	**	**	**	20.9%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	*	*	*	*	*	39.2%
Total	350	\$ 1,243,472	\$ 3,282,639	\$ 3,553	\$ 9,379	37.9%

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Dollar Amount of Services for Educational Services by Language and Age

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
English	502	\$ 3,319,280	\$ 5,942,545	\$ 6,612	\$ 11,838	55.9%
Spanish	**	**	**	**	**	65.3%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	*	*	*	*	*	67.0%
Total	620	\$ 4,238,290	\$ 7,347,182	\$ 6,836	\$ 11,850	57.7%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
English	502	\$ 3,319,280	\$ 5,942,545	\$ 6,612	\$ 11,838	55.9%
Spanish	**	**	**	**	**	65.3%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	*	*	*	*	*	67.0%
Total	620	\$ 4,238,290	\$ 7,347,182	\$ 6,836	\$ 11,850	57.7%

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Dollar Amount of Services for Non-Medical Services by Language and Age

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
English	132	\$ 269,984	\$ 566,289	\$ 2,045	\$ 4,290	47.7%
Spanish	14	\$ 16,500	\$ 46,090	\$ 1,179	\$ 3,292	35.8%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Total	146	\$ 286,484	\$ 612,379	\$ 1,962	\$ 4,194	46.8%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
English	**	**	**	**	**	46.6%
Spanish	**	**	**	**	**	28.9%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Total	130	\$ 242,530	\$ 533,942	\$ 1,866	\$ 4,107	45.4%

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Dollar Amount of Services for Other Social Recreation Services by Language and Age

All ages

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
English	437	\$ 1,053,719	\$ 3,260,472	\$ 2,411	\$ 7,461	32.3%
Spanish	**	**	**	**	**	32.4%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	*	*	*	*	*	30.2%
Total	500	\$ 1,273,548	\$ 3,941,544	\$ 2,547	\$ 7,883	32.3%

For age 3 years to 21 years, inclusive

	Individuals Count	Total Expenditures	Total Authorized Services	Per Capita Expenditures	Per Capita Authorized Services	Utilized
Chinese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
English	351	\$ 788,065	\$ 2,560,143	\$ 2,245	\$ 7,294	30.8%
Spanish	**	**	**	**	**	31.7%
Vietnamese	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
All Other Languages	*	*	*	*	*	29.7%
Total	393	\$ 913,731	\$ 2,958,610	\$ 2,325	\$ 7,528	30.9%

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Number of Times a Written IPP was Provided More than 45 Days after Request (threshold languages)

All ages

	Individuals Count	IPP Translation Requests	Requests Not Completed within 45 Days	Percent of Requests Not Completed within 45 Days
Chinese	16	0	0	0.0%
English	11,852	**	*	37.5%
Spanish	2,172	**	**	38.6%
Vietnamese	16	0	0	0.0%
All Other Languages	182	0	0	0.0%
Total	14,238	182	70	38.5%

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Number of Times a Written IPP was Provided More than 60 days after Request (non-threshold languages)

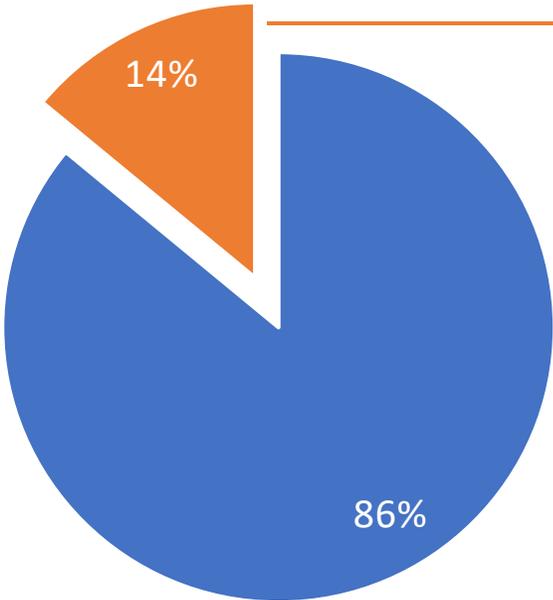
All ages

	Individuals Count	IPP Translation Requests	Requests Not Completed within 60 Days	Percent of Requests Not Completed within 60 Days
Chinese	16	0	0	0.0%
English	11,852	*	*	33.3%
Spanish	2,172	0	0	0.0%
Vietnamese	16	0	0	0.0%
All Other Languages	182	*	0	0.0%
Total	14,238	*	*	20.0%

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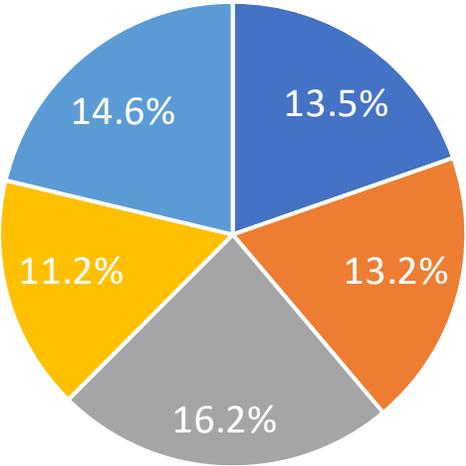
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People Supported by WRC with POS vs. Case Management Only (No POS) by Ethnicity



■ POS (n=12,243) ■ No POS (n=1,995)

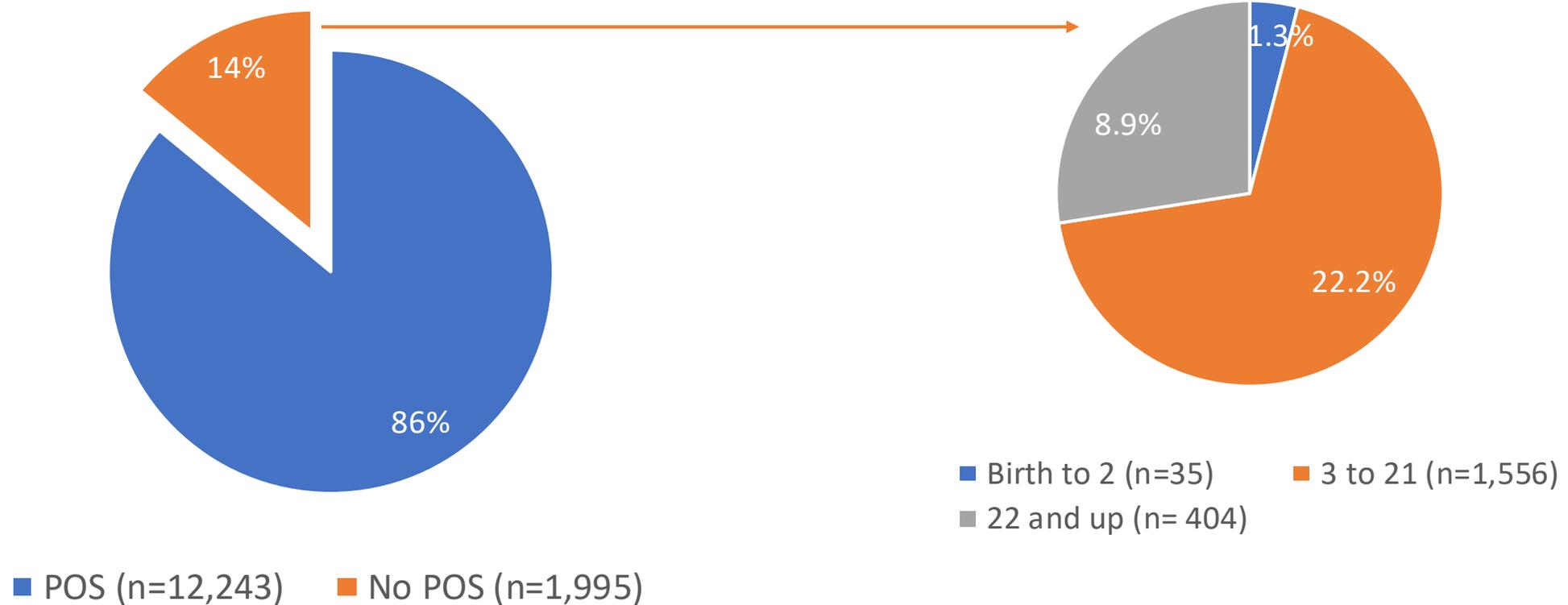
Total Consumers: 14,238



- Asian (n=89)
- Black / African American (n=417)
- Hispanic (n=840)
- White (n=378)
- Other Race/Ethnicity or Multi-Cultural (n=266)

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People Supported by WRC with POS vs. Case Management Only (No POS) by Age

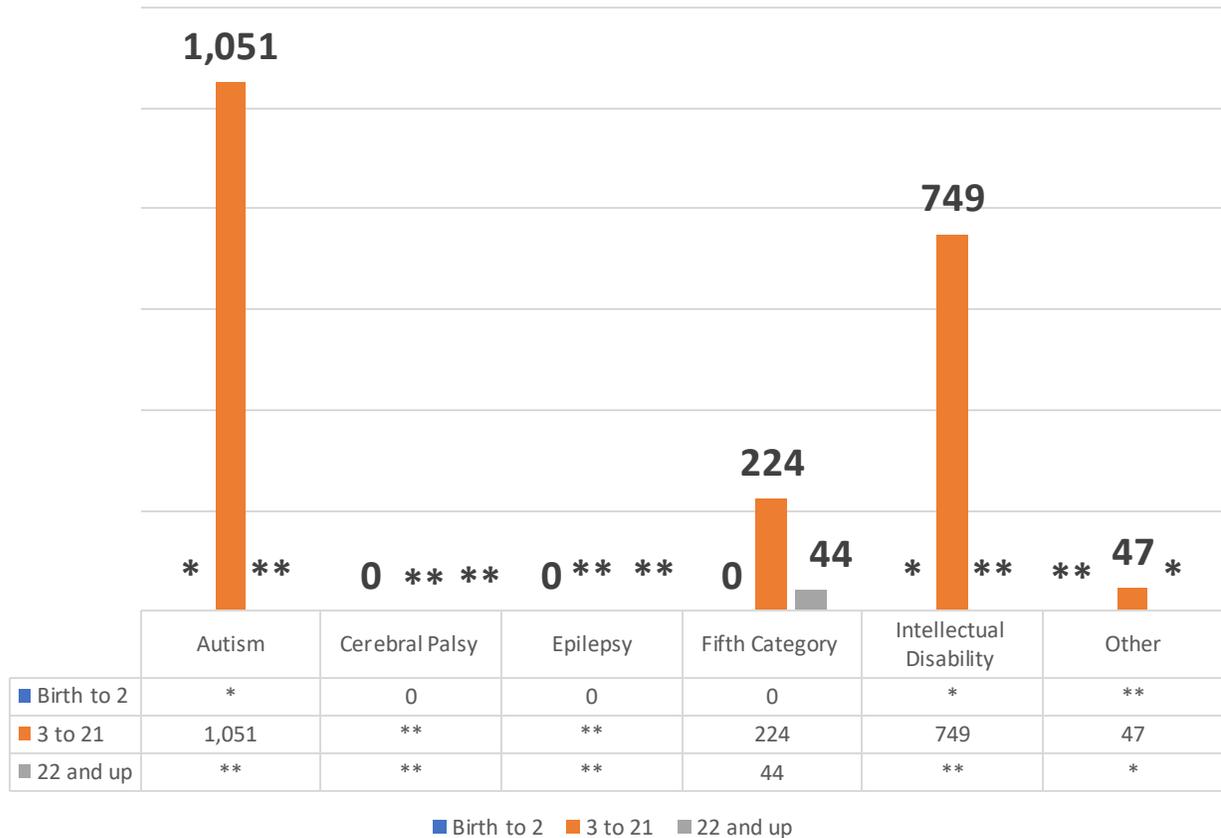


Total Consumers: 14,238

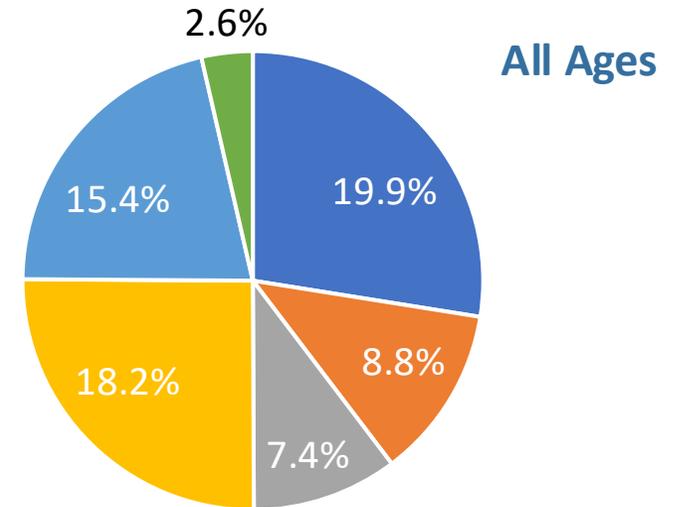
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People Supported by WRC with Case Management Only (No POS) by Age and Diagnosis



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- Autism (n=1,230)
- Cerebral Palsy (n=68)
- Epilepsy (n=63)
- Fifth Category (n=268)
- Intellectual Disability (n=972)
- Other (n=84)

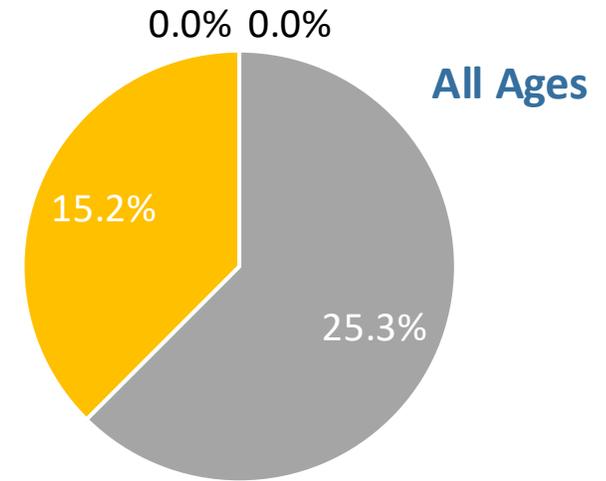
Total Consumers: 14,238

POS: 12,243

No POS: 1,995



People Supported by WRC with Case Management Only (No POS) by Age and Residence Type



- FHA: Family Home Agency (n=0)
- State-Operated Facility (n=0)
- Other (n=19)
- In-Home (n=1,917)

Total Consumers: 14,238

POS: 12,243

No POS: 1,995

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Efforts to Increase Community Engagement and Access

Language Access Efforts

- Translation and Interpretation
 - Over 570 documents translated to Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, and Arabic
 - Over 90 interpretations provided at various meetings
 - Continue to provide an opportunity for feedback on the quality of translation/interpretation services via survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHHWVRM>)
- Developed 11 bilingual (English/Spanish) interactive, online courses on regional center's services and supports
- Provided series of trainings on Deaf culture and awareness, the use of assistive technology for deaf and hard of hearing individuals, and ASL lessons
- Assistive technology (e.g., hearing loops) purchased and available around the offices

Get to Know WRC Services and Supports — At Your Own Pace

Interactive 5-10 minute courses are available on the following topics:

- Early Start
- Intake and Eligibility
- Service Coordination
- Individualized Program Plan (IPP) Meeting
- Adaptive Skills
- Coordinated Family Support (CFS) Service
- Personal Assistance (PA) and Respite Services
- Restored Services
- Self-Determination Program (SDP)
- Hearing and Appeal Process
- Westside Family Resource and Empowerment Center (WFREC)

A few minutes of learning can help you understand WRC services and feel more confident navigating supports

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to log in/register and get started.



Courses are available in English and Spanish. These courses were paid for by Language Access and Cultural Competency funding. If you have questions, please reach out to Belen Enciso, belene@westsiderc.org.



Language Access Efforts

- Implement initiatives informed by the 2023 DEIB audit to build on WRC's strong culture of caring and collegiality, while continuing to:
 - promote workload sustainability and leadership growth, such as strengthening recruitment to support manageable caseloads and expanding training in leadership skills
 - offer bilingual testing: 95 Service Coordinators and Early Start or Intake staff tested as bilingual
 - provide cultural competency training: 158 staff members completed the training and learned how to utilize accessible language, gain a better understanding of cultural diversity, respond with cultural sensitivity, and apply their skills

Community Engagement Efforts

Outreach events

- Engaged with communities of Inglewood, South Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Culver City, and Torrance during nine outreach events hosted by clinics, hospitals, school districts, HeadStart programs, churches, and WRC's vendors to discuss access to services
- Provided information to approximately 275 individuals and families

Information sessions and resource fairs

- Organized and hosted nine virtual informational sessions on WRC's services and supports for individuals and families. Topics covered social recreational, personal assistance, respite, intake, Applied Behavioral Analysis, appeals, and Coordinated Family Support services
- Organized and hosted six in-person resource fairs for individuals and families to meet vendors providing services and supports including social, recreational, personal assistance, respite, intake, Applied Behavioral Analysis, appeals, and Coordinated Family Support services

Community Engagement Efforts

“Community Conversations”

- Organized and hosted quarterly meetings for WRC’s community including:
- September 2024 meeting to gather input on vision and format of future gatherings
- December 2024 meeting on caseload ratios and turnover rates
- March 2024 POS public meeting to discuss POS FY 23-24 data
- June 2025 employment options and introduction of Service Act and Equity (SAE) community-based organization (CBO) grant recipient, WIN

Local CBO Partnerships

- SAE grant partnerships with WIN to help increase access to services for Latino and African American children birth to five years of age
- 44 referrals were generated in the first quarter of 2024-2025 fiscal year
- WIN's Community Connectors assisted 26 families via needs assessments including service barriers
- WRC supported Community Connectors with training opportunities on social-recreational, respite and Personal Assistance, behavioral and adaptive skills, intake, IHSS, SSI, educational advocacy services, Self Determination Program
- WIN's Support group for parents of neurodiverse children



PARENTS EMPOWERING PARENTS
AUTHENTIC CONNECTION STARTS HERE



FOR CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AGES 0-7 THAT LIVES IN LA COUNTY
Coming January 2026



- Bi-weekly **virtual** drop-in space
- Parent-led discussions
- Emotional support & building resilience
- Education and resources provided

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Service Access and Equity Efforts

- Westside Family Resource and Empowerment Center's Community Navigator Program (CNP)
 - From April'24 to April'25, 258 participants, 39 parent support groups hosted, 45 parent workshops conducted, 14 outreach events, 13 participants referred to a regional center for services, 62 participants receive regional center's services after engaging with the program
- WRC's Enhanced Case Management Program (ECM)
 - Since 2023, the ECM team has served 115 families in accessing services such as respite, social and recreational services, Personal Assistance, tutoring, educational advocacy and Coordinated Family Supports (CFS)
- WRC's Self Determination Program (SDP)
 - The SDP team supported 16 English and 9 Spanish speaking participants. They conducted 12 English and 12 Spanish support groups

Community Feedback



LEADERSHIP EDUCATION IN NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (UC-LEND)

TRAINING PROGRAM

ABOUT US

The UC Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (UC-LEND) Training Program is a collaborative and interdisciplinary program with a focus on understanding the impact of neurodevelopmental disabilities (ND) on individuals and families to improve care & outcomes across the lifespan.

CONTACT

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Applications
due by April
30th!



INFO SESSION

Join us to learn more!

April 2nd 1pm-2pm | [Link](#)

April 15th 12pm-1pm | [Link](#)

REQUIREMENTS & ELIGIBILITY

- Neurodiversity-focused curriculum
- Clinical shadowing in the UC-LEND Clinic
- All UCLA or UC Riverside Graduate students eligible to apply.
- Individuals with lived experience are strongly encouraged to apply!



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 10, 2026

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CELEBRATING NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

DPSS Encourages All Residents to Discover the Power of Nutrition

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is using this year's [National Nutrition Month](#) campaign to highlight the importance of healthful eating and staying active, no matter what age.

Every year in March, health and nutrition experts share knowledge and tips to help individuals and families make informed food choices. National Nutrition Month is also an opportunity for DPSS to highlight the benefits of the CalFresh Program, which helps increase the food-buying power of low-income residents to purchase enough food to meet their household needs.

In keeping with the spirit of this year's theme, "Discover the Power of Nutrition," DPSS will help share the many benefits of developing and maintaining healthy routines, such as replacing sugary drinks with water, reading food labels to monitor sodium intake, and cooking more meals at home.

Throughout the month, DPSS will use its social media platforms and Essential DPSS newsletter to reach a wider audience to promote local food banks and other resources. The department encourages residents to follow and support the campaign by sharing the #PowerofNutrition, #ChooseCalFresh, and #DPSSNNM2026 hashtags.

Additional information on applying for CalFresh can be found on the [DPSS Food and Nutrition webpage](#), or by subscribing to the weekly [Essential DPSS Newsletter](#) on the County of L.A. website.

Watch the [DPSS National Nutrition Month video](#) to learn more.



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H.R. 1 CalFresh Policy Changes

House of Representatives (H.R.) 1 was signed into law on July 4, 2025, and makes significant changes to the CalFresh Program.



Changes to CalFresh Eligibility Requirements for Certain Non-Citizens

Beginning April 1, 2026, CalFresh eligibility will be limited to individuals who reside in the United States (U.S.) and are:

- Citizens;
- U.S. Nationals;
- Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs);
- Cuban or Haitian Entrants; or
- Residing in the U.S. in accordance with a Compact of Free Association (COFA) agreement.

Certain non-citizens, such as but not limited to asylees, refugees, parolees, an individual with deportation or removal withheld, conditional entrant, battered non-citizens, and victims of trafficking will no longer be eligible to receive CalFresh benefits. However, you may be eligible for CalFresh if your immigration status changes to Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) and you meet all other eligibility requirements.

If you are currently receiving CalFresh benefits, it will continue until your renewal if you meet all other eligibility criteria. Make sure to let your worker know at renewal if your immigration status has changed and provide verification.

Impacted households may experience a reduction or discontinuance of benefits at their renewal.

For new households, applying as of April 1, 2026, this change will take effect at application.

Changes to Issuance of State Utility Assistance Subsidy (SUAS) to allow Standard Utility Allowance Deduction

Beginning November 1, 2025, only households that include a member 60 years of age or older or who has a disability and doesn't have heating or cooling utility expenses separate from their housing costs, will receive the Standard Utility Allowance or "SUA" deduction with the issuance of SUAS payment. Allowing the SUA deduction may increase a household's monthly CalFresh benefits or make the HH eligible to benefits.

Currently, households that do not have heating and cooling costs separate from their housing costs and do not qualify for the SUA are provided with a State Utility Assistance Subsidy (an annual \$20.01 energy assistance payment) that entitles them to claim the SUA. Under H.R. 1 this option is now limited to households with a member 60 years or older or with a disability.

If your household includes a member 60 years or older or with a disability, we will continue to issue this annual energy assistance payment automatically so that you can be allowed the SUA deduction.

Because of this change, households without a member 60 years or older or with a disability who previously received an annual energy assistance payment for this purpose may experience a reduction in their monthly CalFresh benefit. A smaller number of these households may lose CalFresh eligibility.

For new households, this change will take effect at application beginning November 1, 2025. For existing households, this change will take effect at your next renewal.

Helpful Links

☰ Keep Your Benefits ▶

☰ CalFresh Changes due to H.R. 1 Webinars ▶