



# First of the Month

## December 2009

California Disability Services Association

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[Legislative Center](#)  
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### CDSA Calendar

#### December 1

PR Committee  
 Teleconference  
 10:00-11:00 am

#### December 8

Institute Board  
 Teleconference  
 2:00-4:00 pm

Inland Empire Caucus  
 OPARC  
 10:00-11:30 am

Upstate Caucus  
 Green Barn  
 Restaurant, Red Bluff  
 11:30 am-1:00 pm

#### December 9

Membership  
 Committee  
 Teleconference  
 2:30-3:30 pm

#### December 10

Nominating  
 Committee Election  
 Ends

Public Policy  
 Committee  
 Teleconference  
 3:00 - 4:00 pm

#### December 11

DSI Board

### The News

#### North and South Policy Meetings

Ah, the clarity that January and another ugly budget proposal bring! Join fellow CDSA members for a discussion of the new budget, our public policy agenda, and our action plan.

Early bird member registration is \$60 (\$110 after January 5), which includes lunch and a delightful collection of paper. The meetings run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Register online today!

[Click here](#) to register for the **North Policy Meeting January 20** at Becoming Independent in Santa Rosa

[Click here](#) to register for the **South Policy Meeting January 27** at San Gabriel Valley Training Center in La Puente

#### Public Policy Agenda

The Public Policy Committee has defined its agenda for the coming term.

**Individual Choice Budget Model (ICBM)** -- CDSA needs more information on what the ICBM looks like before we take a formal stance. The Committee will research the potential of a Respite-Plus model that would allow families flexibility in the use of their Respite and currently prohibited services.

**CDSA Legislative Agenda** -- Pursue Legislation to expand employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in the public sector. Use AB 1260 to correct current year Trailer Bill Language, currently Respite and Senior Services are in the bill. Support AB 1589 (whistleblower bill) with amendments to protect families and consumers. Track Meals and Breaks issues and look for opportunities as they arise. Track efforts on the Federal Level to eliminate the 14-C Certification (sub-minimum wage allowance).

**CDSA Budget Alternatives** -- Maximize available federal funding. Focus future budget reductions on the Developmental Centers, with some of the savings/reductions taken from the Developmental Centers and applied to serve individuals in the community. Close Cathedral City (small DC) by 12/31/10. Merge Lanterman and Fairview to reduce costs/create savings. Ensure that the DCs' operating costs are reduced as the population

Teleconference  
10:00 am-11:00 am

December 15  
Capitol Caucus  
InAlliance  
10:00 am-Noon

Orange County Caucus  
Project Independence  
11:30 am-1:30 pm

December 16  
Caucus Steering  
Committee  
Teleconference  
2:00-3:00 pm

December 17  
Bay Area Caucus  
Contra Costa Arc  
10:00 am-Noon

San Diego Caucus  
TMI  
10:00 am-Noon

December 21  
CDSA Board  
Teleconference  
10:00-11:30 am

December 24  
Christmas Eve Holiday

December 25  
Christmas Holiday

December 28  
Boxing Day Holiday  
(shifted from Saturday  
to Monday)

January 1  
New Year's Day  
Holiday

January 5  
PR Committee  
Teleconference  
10:00-11:00 am

reduces. Unify the budgets for the DCs with the community budget, highlighting the disparate costs and helping to facilitate DC closures.

On the Committee's December 10 teleconference, they will discuss regulatory relief, 485 legislation, and system redesign opportunities.

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### Election of Nominating Committee

Remember to vote for the Nominating Committee slate. Election closes December 10. One voter per member organization. [Click here](#) to vote now.

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### Training for Staff and Outreach to Families

Now available for presentations to clients and families:

- [Brochure on Least Costly Provider Requirement](#)
- [Brochure on Senior and Alternative Customized Components](#)
- [PowerPoint on Financial Impacts on the DDS System](#)
- [PowerPoint on Grassroots Advocacy](#)

For presentation to staff:

- [PowerPoint on Least Costly Provider Requirement](#)

Our thanks to the CARE Parent Network, Consumer Action Committee of Antioch ALIVE, Barbara Maize, and Will Sanford for their contributions to these materials. Volunteers are working on translations of some of these materials.

We welcome assistance in creating materials for clients and families. Contact [Chris Rice](#) or [Melissa Smith](#) if you know an action committee or other volunteers who can help.

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### Area Board Mini Grant Reminder

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities provided \$10,000 to each Area Board for one or more mini grants. The due dates for applications are popping up. Make sure your proposal gets in on time.

## Governmental Affairs

### Next Budget Advisory Committee Meeting

Diana DeRodeff will represent CDSA at another DDS Budget Advisory Committee meeting on December 1, where discussion will continue on the feasibility of the Individual Choice Budget Model. An update will be available a few days after the meeting.

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### Fiscal Imperative to Close Developmental Centers

**January 12**

Institute Board  
Teleconference  
3:00-5:00 pm

**January 14**

CARI Committee  
Teleconference  
10:00-11:00 am

**January 18**

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Holiday

**January 20**

CDSA Policy Meeting  
(North)  
Becoming Independent  
1425 Corporate Center  
Parkway  
Santa Rosa  
10:00 am-3:00 pm

CDSA Board Meeting  
Becoming Independent  
3:00-4:30 pm

**January 21**

Public Policy  
Committee  
Teleconference  
3:00 - 4:00 pm

**January 27**

CDSA Policy Meeting  
(South)  
San Gabriel Valley  
Training Center  
400 S. Covina Blvd.  
La Puente  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**To Be Scheduled**

Caucus Steering  
Committee  
Membership  
Committee

To join a  
teleconference, call  
1-888-909-7654 and  
use PIN 499666#.

Here's an interesting read related to our Public Policy efforts. Dwight Hansen prepared a [position paper for use in Chico](#) at a town hall meeting hosted by State Senator Sam Aanestad. And, to round out the presentation, [here are the charts](#) showing the inequity of cuts in the past year.

**Attend Legislators' Holiday Receptions**

We know you're busy, but there's an opportunity for you and your staff to remind your legislators about the needs of the most vulnerable members of society. Attend legislators' holiday receptions. Be of good cheer. Tell your legislators that, in light of the season, it's a good time to think about how to sustain the lives of people with developmental disabilities while the State manages this fiscal mess. Ask them how you can help them during the upcoming budget cycle. Give them your business card and thank them for their support.

**Workforce Development Hearing**

CDSA lobbyist Dwight Hansen spoke at the San Francisco hearing of the Select Committee on Workforce Development within the Developmentally Disabled Community on November 20. To see what Dwight presented, [click here](#).

The Committee, chaired by Democratic Assembly Member Tom Ammiano, reflects a probable push by SEIU to move again toward workforce service centers, taking up the mantle of staff over the needs of consumers. This is the IHSS model of service combined with individualized budgets. There will be at least one more hearing this year.

**Budget Shortfall Projection**

Legislative Analyst Mac Taylor says this year's budget will miss the mark by just a smidge -- \$6.3 billion. Add that to the expected gap for next year of \$14.4 billion, and you get a \$21 billion hole the legislature has to address in the 2010-11 budget. Just to make sure no one can find a ray of hope for the future, Mr. Taylor went on to project a \$20 billion gap for the following three years.

**Meal Period Waiver Research**

CDSA is collecting information on all member agencies' experiences with the on-duty meal and break period issue. Please send [Chris Rice](#) any complaints, from any source (regardless if it is a mere complaint to a full blown lawsuit).

**CARI and Work Contracts****New Opportunities**

We have identified more than 85 new contract opportunities in the following areas: Alameda, Bishop, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El

If you are not a member of the board or committee, please announce your presence on the call.



Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Shasta, Solano, Sonora, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tulare, Ventura, Yolo, Yuba. The contracts are for janitorial, landscape, document destruction, document management/scanning, food service, tree trimming, auto detailing, printing and mailing, general mailing, housekeeping, recycling, waste removal, and park maintenance. If you're interested in bid packets or information about any of these bid opportunities, please e-mail [Melissa Smith](mailto:Melissa.Smith). More opportunities coming soon.

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### North & South Policy Meetings

The North and South Policy Meetings are designed as one-day updates and discussions on all the issues we face. The meetings start at 10:00 am, end at 3:00 pm, and include lunch.

#### North Policy Meeting - January 20

[Click here to register](#)

Becoming Independent  
1425 Corporate Center Parkway  
Santa Rosa, CA

#### South Policy Meeting - January 27

[Click here to register](#)

San Gabriel Valley Training Center  
400 S. Covina Blvd.  
La Puente, CA

Early registration (before January 5) is \$60 for members and \$120 for non-members. Register online today!

## Board & Committee Meetings



### California Disability Services Association Board

The Audit Committee reported that the auditors from RINA presented the final audit, with an unqualified opinion. The Committee discussed items in the management letter that can be easily resolved with internal policies. RINA will present the audit to the full Board in January. The Committee has started work on an RFP with the objective of engaging the audit firm for 2010 by mid-Spring. The Board approved a new photocopier lease for the office. President Carl Oschsner asked for input from the Board for

evaluating the performance of the Executive Director Chris Rice.

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### California Disability Services Institute Board

The presentations on the Alternative Senior and Customized Components were very successful, with 110 attendees at the two seminars. The Institute is now developing a seminar on autism for February and April and continues work on materials for consumers and families.

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**DYNAMIC SOLUTIONS**  
INSURANCE SERVICES

### Dynamic Solutions Incorporated Board

The DSI Board will meet next in December. It is seeking two additional board members.

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### CARI Committee

The Committee is exploring small business designation for agencies providing employment to persons with developmental disabilities. Work continues on a code of ethics and on updating the state contractor list as part of the effort to develop greater outreach and promotion for CARI.

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### Caucus Steering Committee

All caucuses are implementing the business plan, with current efforts focused on outreach to legislators and the public. There's good sharing of information among the caucuses, and having chairs of other committees participate in the meeting has provided additional information to take back to caucuses. This also helps insure that action items developed in other committees are clearly explained to caucus leaders.

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### Membership and Development Committee

The Committee has developed qualifiers for evaluating potential new member categories and is now analyzing the potential of transportation and residential providers. The Committee also discussed some form of membership for consumers, families, and employers but these may be better connected to the Institute. The Committee will encourage each caucus to hold a recruitment

event, with CDSA support, including membership packets, a lobbyist, and a staff member for the event.

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### Public Policy Committee

A report on the current activity of the Public Policy Committee appeared at the beginning of the newsletter.

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### Public Relations Committee

The Committee continues work on a PR plan and is exploring potential for a state-wide event.

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