Special Education Department

Departamento de Educación Especial

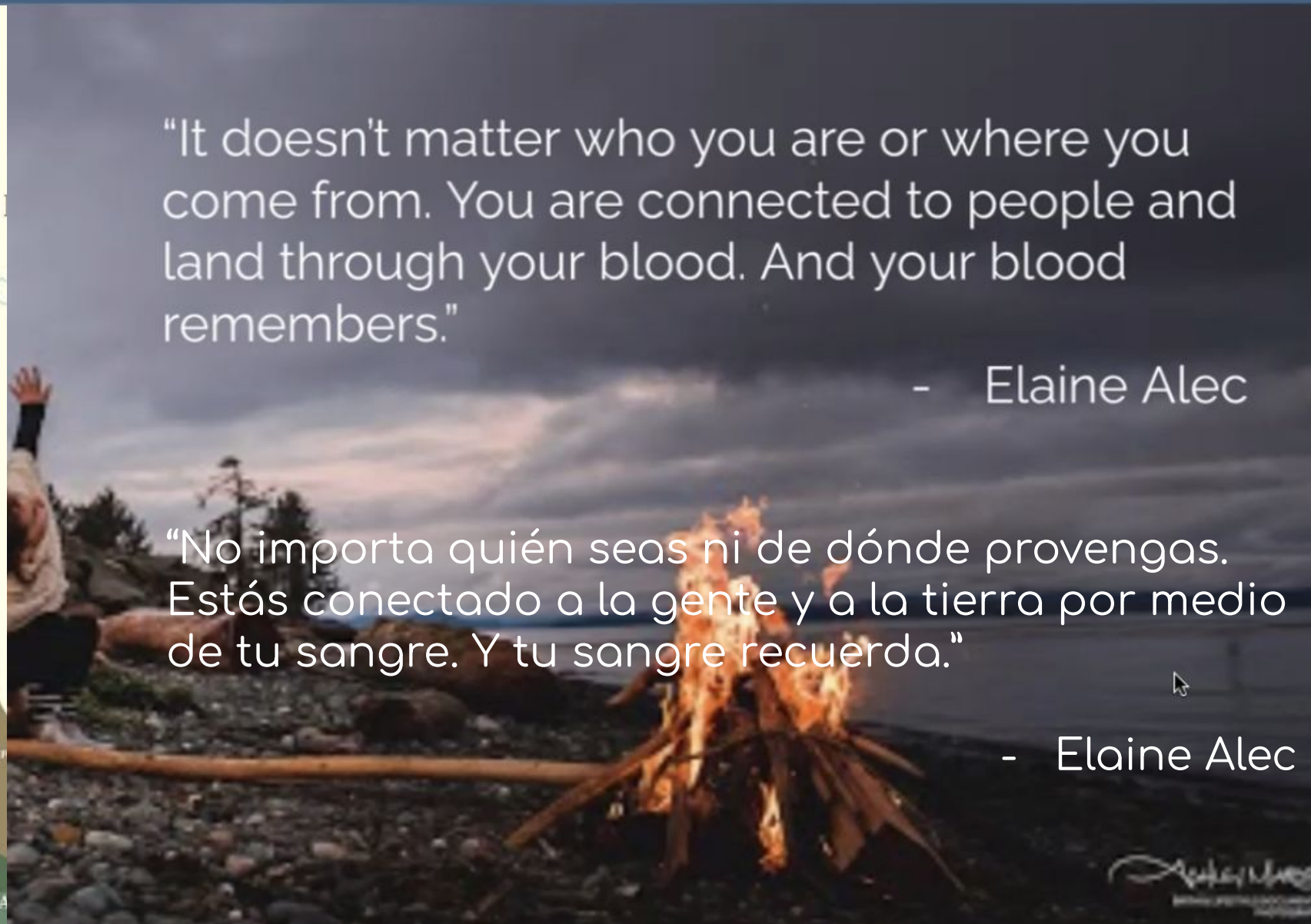
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Welcome

Outcomes for tonight:

- **Presentation Regional Center East Bay**
- **Department Updates**
- **Time with Program Specialists**
- **Closing**

Bienvenidos

Objetivos para hoy:

- **Presentación del Centro Regional de la Bahía del Este**
- **Actualizaciones del Departamento**
- **Tiempo con especialistas de programa**
- **Cierre**

Regional Center of the East Bay

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Regional Centers

- Prior to and during the early 1960s

  *Only option for government funded services were state institutions/hospitals

  * Govt. funding for services began when a person was admitted to an institution
- In the 60s, parents of children with developmental disabilities began to advocate for the ability to care for their children at home, as well as receive funding from govt. to provide home based care

Regional Center Development

RCs were established through state legislation sponsored primarily by Assemblyman Frank Lanterman. In 1965, to assist persons with disabilities and their families in locating, or spearheading the development of community services and programs for their special needs.

In 1969, AB 225 (Lanterman Services Act) established a statewide system of regional centers based upon early pilot projects. In the first three years of operation, there were seven regional centers statewide; since then, the number of regional centers has grown to (current number) twenty-one.

In 1974, additional legislation (AB 846-Lanterman) went into effect which expanded the clientele served by the regional centers to include persons diagnosed with **cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, intellectual disability and other significantly handicapping conditions** found to be closely related to intellectual disability.

Regional Centers

- The regional center system was established to provide coordinated planning for lifetime *community care* for people with developmental disability as a viable alternative to placement in an institution
- 21 Regional Centers in California, each serving a specific geographic area, **RCEB serves Alameda and Contra Costa Counties**
- Each RC is a non-profit corporation with a community-based Board of Directors
- Each is contracted with the California Department of Developmental Services, which coordinates services for all developmentally disabled persons residing in California

Regional Center Programs

- Early Start
- Developmental Disabilities

Early Start Eligibility

- Infants and toddlers from birth to age 36 months may be eligible for early intervention services if they…
  - **have a developmental delay of at least 33% in one or more areas: cognitive, communication, social or emotional, adaptive, or physical and motor development including vision and hearing; or**
  - **have an established risk condition of known etiology, with a high probability of resulting in delayed development; or**
  - **are considered at high risk of having a substantial developmental disability due to a combination of biomedical risk factors (diagnosed by qualified personnel)**

Early Start Services

- Services for those eligible for early intervention services include:
- Assistive technology,
- occupational therapy,
- physical therapy,
- speech and language services, specialized instruction,
- service coordination

Early Start Intake Process

- Starts with a referral to RCEB Early Start by phone, fax and email or mail
- Anyone can refer, parents, MDs, nurses..
- Phone: 510-618-6195
- Fax: 510-678-4156
- Email: EarlyStartReferrals@rceb.org
- Mail: ES Intake and Assessment,
  500 Davis Street, Suite 100,
  San Leandro, CA. 94577

Eligibility for Over 3/Ongoing Regional Center Services

- To be eligible for services, a person must have a disability that begins before the individual's 18th birthday
- disability is expected to continue indefinitely and present a substantial disability.
- Qualifying conditions include intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, Down syndrome and other disabling conditions requiring similar support to those diagnosed with intellectual disabilities

Developmental Disabilities

Does not include conditions that are:

- **Solely psychiatric disorders**
- **Solely learning disabilities.**
- **Solely physical in nature.**

Substantial Disability

- The existence of significant functional limitations, as determined by the regional center,
- In three or more of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate to the person's age:
  - Receptive and expressive language
  - Learning
  - Self-care
  - Mobility
  - Self-direction
  - Capacity for independent living
  - Economic self-sufficiency

Intake Screening



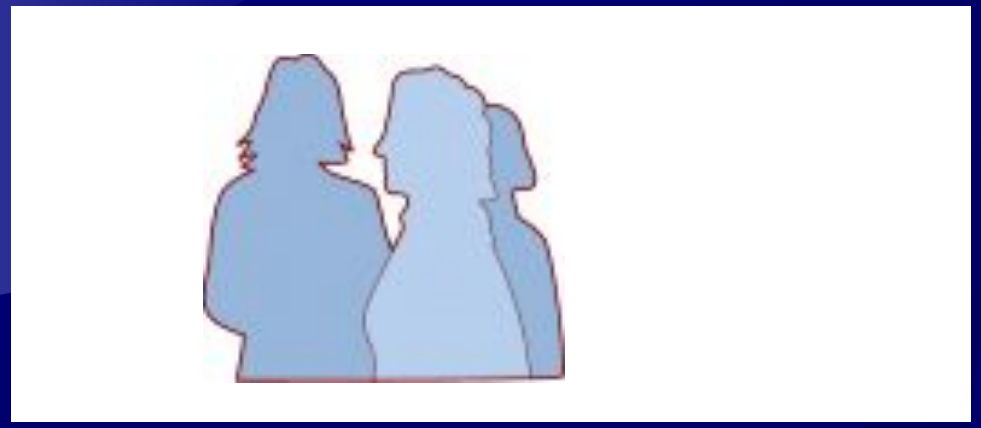
- Initial inquiry is made by phone, email, fax
- Intake Coordinator then reponds to inquiry
- Intake Screening Form Mailed to Consumer
- Based on screening, face to face (currently via phone or zoom) interview is scheduled by an Assessment Counselor
- Phone (510) 618- 6122
- Fax (510) 678-4122
- E: intakeoverthree@rceb.org

Intake Interview



- RCEB Assessment Counselor meets with applicant and family/responsible person
- Completes social assessment including developmental history
- Refers to clinical staff for review or assessment.

Eligibility Determination



- Regional Center Team including a psychologist, physician, and assessment counselor meet to determine eligibility
- Recommendations are made for both individuals made eligible and those who are ineligible

Regional Center Services Over Age 3



- Case Management and Advocacy
- Individual Program Plan- Identify, Plan, and Coordinate Services
- Coordination of Generic Services including insurance, other public programs, and education
- May purchase services based on policies established by the RCEB Board of Directors after all alternative funding has been explored

Generic Resources and Insurance

RCEB funds services that relate to the developmental disability and that are based on an assessed need.

RCEB is unable to fund any services that are required by law to be funded by another agency or that can be accessed through a generic resource (e.g., mental health services, health insurance, education programs, etc.)

RCEB Services

Mobility Training	Supported Living	Supported Employment
Nursing	Respite	Day Program
Behavior Services	Residential Services	Parent Training
Specialized Day care	Specialized Childcare	Infant Services
Assistive Technology	Independent Living	Specialized Medical/Dental
Transportation	Therapies	Personal Care

RCeB
Regional Center of the East Bay

Office Locations:

SAN LEANDRO
Alameda County Office
500 Davis Street, Suite 100
San Leandro, CA 94577
510 618-6100

CONCORD
Contra Costa County Office
1320 Willow Pass Road, Suite 300
Concord, CA 94520
925 691-2300

Updates

Stabilization of Special Education Staff

- Long Term substitutes
- Virtual Case Managers
- Contracted Teachers
- Teachers from the Philippines

Actualizaciones

Estabilización del Personal de Educación Especial

- Sustitutos a Largo Plazo
- Gestores de Caso Virtuales
- Maestros Contratados
- Maestros de las Filipinas

Updates

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- **Contracted Speech Language Pathologists (SLP)**
- **Virtual SLP with Speech Language Assistants**

Actualizaciones

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- **Logopedas Contratados (SLP en inglés)**
- **Logopedas Virtuales con Asistentes de Habla y Lenguaje**

Tiempo con Especialistas de Programa

Time with the Program Specialists

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Thank You

Gracias

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