

# AB637 WAIVER

## PUBLIC MEETING

Social Recreation Services

January 25, 2023

# SOCIAL RECREATION SERVICES

- Through the repeal of Welfare and Institution Codes (WIC) section 4648.5 on July 1, 2021 restores regional center's authority to fund social recreation services
- The service includes camping, non-therapy services and social recreation activities such as specialized recreation, art, dance, and music
- There are limited number of vendored service providers for social recreation services in Orange County
- Many families and person served may choose activities through programs that not vendored nor choose to be vendored with a regional center

# PARTICIPANT DIRECTED SERVICES (PDS)

- Participant Directed Services (PDS) provide increased flexibility allowing person served/families to choose their service provider
- Families choose, hire and pay their selected provider for their services
- These providers do not have to be vendored with the regional center
- Currently respite, transportation, nursing, day care, personal assistance, independent living skills (ILS) and supported employment are available PDS services

# FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE (FMS)

- Under Title 17 California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 58886 allows for PDS services to be funded directly via a Financial Management Service
- Funding through a FMS avoids the challenges associated with obtaining services
- PDS services do not include social recreation services, therefore funding cannot be done through the FMS bill payor model



# AB637 WAIVER PROCESS

- Welfare and Institutions (WIC) code §4669.75(b) which governs the AB637/1543/1106 waiver proposal process
- RCOC will request a waiver proposal through the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Used to waive existing regulatory and statutory requirement in order to provide needed services
- Creates an easier and more streamlined path to obtaining services

# AB637 WAIVER PROCESS

- Requirements for the waiver
  - Demonstrate that a need for the waiver exist
  - Demonstrate the waiver is Cost-effective
  - Solicit input from the local community
  - Adheres to the Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waiver

# COMMENT AND QUESTIONS?

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