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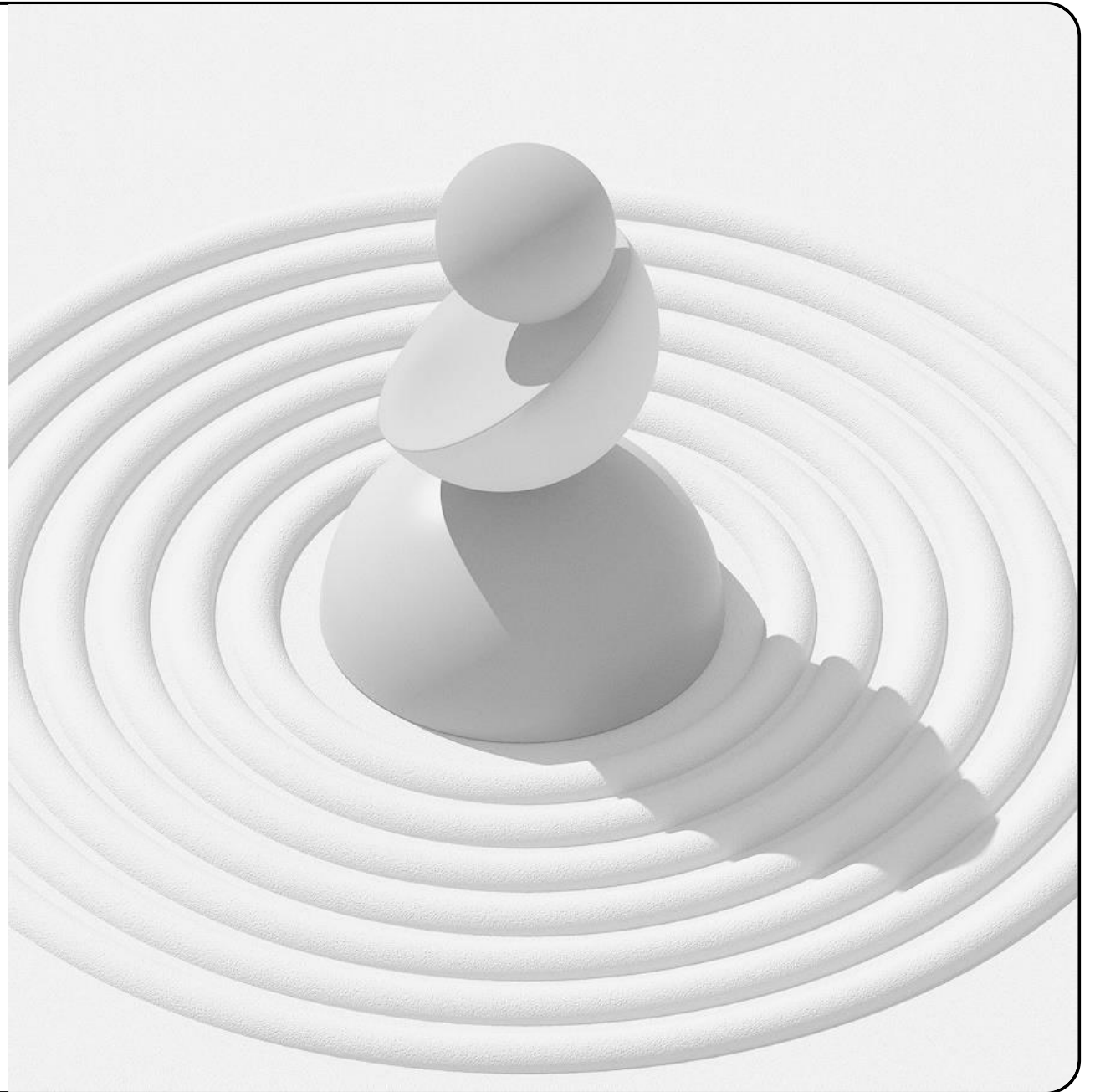
AB 637 PUBLIC MEETING  
ENHANCED BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT  
ADULT DAY PROGRAM

# WELCOME

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- Assembly Bill (AB) 637 Waiver
- Review of the Enhanced Behavior  
Management Adult Day Program (EBMADP)
- Questions/Comment



## AB 637 WAIVER

Welfare and Institutions (WIC) code §4669.75(b) which governs the AB637/1543/1106 waiver proposal process

Allows Regional Centers to develop “innovative means of providing needed services”  
Introduce something new or make changes to improve existing service

Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) plans to request a waiver of specific California Code for Regulations (CCR), Title 17 and California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 4691.9

The waivers are necessary to ensure the day program service provider has the means and resources to provide this much needed service

## AB 637 WAIVER

- Requirements for the waiver
  - Demonstrate that a need for the waiver exist
  - Demonstrate the waiver is cost-effective
  - Gather input from the local community
  - Ensure it adheres to the Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waiver

## INTRODUCTION

There is a critical gap in services, as traditional Behavioral Day Services are often unable to support individuals with intensive behavioral needs

An Enhanced Behavior Management Adult Day Program (EBMADP) is designed to serve individuals who:

1. Exhibit high risk behaviors (i.e. aggression, self-injury, elopement, property destruction)
2. Have significant challenges with communication, daily living skills and social interaction
3. Have co-occurring diagnoses that increases the complexity of their care

Referrals would be made by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) based on the individual's assessed need for enhanced supports.

## NEED FOR SERVICES

Many individuals with severe Autism, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and complex behaviors are exiting school without access to appropriate adult day services

Without services, they remain at home without support, structure or meaningful engagement

A therapeutic, individualized approach is the missing link to ensuring continuity and long-term success

The Enhanced Behavior Management Adult Day Program fills the gap with structured trauma-informed care and 1:1 evidence-based support

The program ensures a therapeutic-based environment that promotes skill development, access to community activities and expands access for historically underserved individuals





## NEED FOR SERVICES

- Traditional Behavioral Day Services are not equipped to meet the needs to this population
- Current wage structure does not support sufficient initial or ongoing specialized staff training
- Staff without appropriate training, skills, and certification are often unprepared to manage high-risk, complex behaviors
- A safe and therapeutic environment requires specialized training and consistent clinical oversight

## REASONS INDIVIDUALS REQUIRE AN ENHANCED BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT ADULT DAY PROGRAM

Attempted traditional behavioral day services and  
exited or left voluntarily

Currently receiving Behavior Day Services that do not  
adequately meet needs

Not receiving services, no appropriate match



## ENHANCED BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT ADULT DAY PROGRAM MODEL

Comprehensive functional behavioral assessments guide individualized, data-driven programming.

Intensive 1:1 or 2:1 staffing ratios based on assessed needs

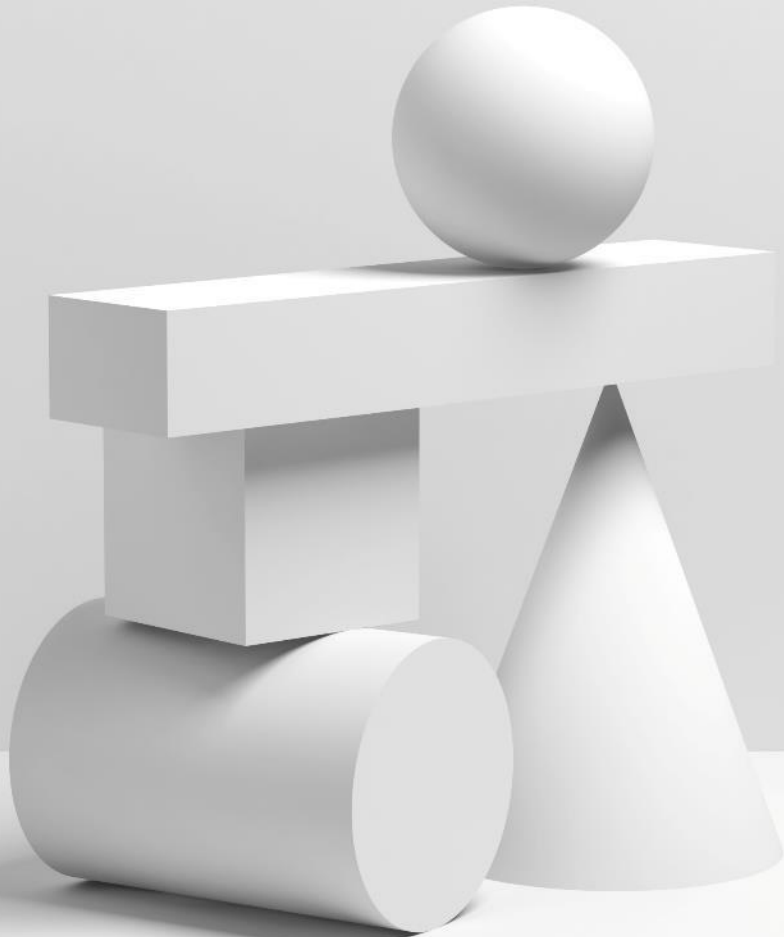
All direct support staff are credentialed Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs), ensuring a higher level of training and clinical competence

Frequent, hands-on involvement from clinical consultants and behavioral specialists beyond standard consultation models

Implementation of evidence-based practices (e.g., ABA, PBS, Trauma-informed Care) tailored to each individual's unique profile

A structured, therapeutic environment designed to proactively address high-risk behaviors and promote long-term regulation and engagement

The program will serve up to a capacity of 30 individuals



## SERVICE PROVIDER

Through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, RCOC selected ABEDI as the EBMADP services provider

## Program Manager

Master Degree in Applied Behavioral Analysis, Psychology, Social Work, Special Education or human-service related field

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification

Minimum 4 years of supervisory experience in a behavioral health or support services setting or an approved combination of education and work experience

Master Degree in Applied Behavioral Analysis, Psychology, Social Work, Special Education or human-service related field

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification

Minimum 4 years experience serving individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) ages 21 and above

## Board Certified Behavior Analyst

## Program Supervisor

Bachelor Degree in Applied Behavioral Analysis, Psychology, Social Work, Special Education or human-service related field

Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) certification

Minimum 3 years experience serving individuals with Developmental Disabilities ages 21 and above

Minimum 1 year of supervisory experience

Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) certification required upon hired or within three months of employment

Minimum 1 year (2 years preferred) experience working with individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

## Direct Care Staff minimum 1:1

## Consultants

Service customized based on needs

Needed consultant hours provided will be provided as assessed and agreed upon



## STAFF TRAINING

The program will ensure that all staff training aligns with applicable state regulations (Title 22 and Title 17) and will also provide ongoing specialized training in, but not limited to:

- Crisis Intervention & Prevention
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Positive Behavioral Support Strategies
- Evidenced-Based Intervention
- Communication & Sensory Regulation Strategies
- Promoting Independence & Problem Solving
- Structure environment for Success
- Volunteer & Vocational Skills Development

## RATES

RCOC is continuing to work with the EBMADP provider to determine the rates for their service

RCOC will request that DDS waive WIC 4691.9 (a)

WIC code 4691.9 (a)- A regional center shall not negotiate a rate with a new service provider for services where rates are determined through a negotiation between the regional center and the provider, that is higher than the regional center's median rate for the same service code and unit of service, or the statewide median rate for the same service code and unit of service, whichever is lower.

RCOC proposes to negotiate a daily rate that is competitive and will address the staffing and service needs of these individuals who have serious and complex needs.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

An Enhanced Behavior Management Adult Day Program requires enhanced oversight. At minimum, the program will participate in semi-annual Quality Assurance (QA) reviews to evaluate service quality and measure progress towards positive individual outcomes.

The QA tool will be built to include a thorough review of staff qualifications, staff training completion, behavior plans, and Home and Community-Based Services requirements.

Individuals will continue to have annual or quarterly face-to-face meetings with their assigned Service Coordinator.



# PUBLIC COMMENT

If you would like to provide comments, please write your comments in the chat. Your public comments are necessary to help support our proposal to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)