

New Survey to Identify Challenges and Barriers Faced in Accessing GGRC-funded Services: Paid Participants Needed

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Our area's Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) is one of nine regional centers selected to participate in a research study conducted by Children's Hospital Los Angeles to identify challenges and barriers faced in accessing GGRC funded services. We are looking for individuals served by GGRC, parents, or other family members participate in a 2 hour focus group. Focus group participants will receive a \$35 cash stipend from the Children's Hospital Research group. Space is limited. Focus group times in San Francisco they will occur at Support for Families of Children with Disabilities located at 1663 Mission St, San Francisco, CA 94103 on July 10th from 3-5pm, July 11th from 10 am -12 pm. **If you are interested in participating in one of these focus groups, please email Hannah Said at GGRC at hsaid@ggrc.org or call 415-832-5776.**

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles Survey details is below:

You are invited to share your thoughts and opinions about the regional center.

Children's Hospital Los Angeles received a grant from the Department of Developmental Services to explore the ways in which people use services offered through regional centers. Through this study, we hope to learn why people do not use authorized services and about the challenges and barriers they face. This information is important for creating recommendations for improving how services are offered and delivered.

We would like to invite you to participate in a focus group (open discussion) with other community members. We would like you to participate in a discussion with 8-10 other people about the services you receive at your regional center, and we hope to learn from you how those services can be improved. The discussion will last approximately 2 hours and your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Your contact information will be collected for the purpose of scheduling and reminder calls for the focus group date and time. The focus group session will be held at the regional center where you receive services at. At the end of the focus group, we will ask you to complete a basic demographic survey. The demographic survey should take you about 10 minutes to complete. You will receive \$35 in cash for your participation in the focus group. Your participation will in no way affect the services you receive from the regional center.

Your participation in the study and taking part in the focus group is voluntary. If you choose to participate, a member of the research team will contact you with information about the focus group. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or Hannah Said from the regional center at hsaid@ggrc.org.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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