

# A Matter of Race and Place

Building Equitable Policies for Californians with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

## Agenda

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Friday, November 8, 2024  
The California Endowment  
Los Angeles

8:00-8:30 am

### Registration

8:30-8:45 am

### Welcome

8:45-9:15 am

### Keynote

#### What You Have to Know About Equity for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD, Director, UC Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities, Parent

9:15-10:00 am

### Panel

#### We Know What We Know

Individuals with I/DD and families who face disparity speak about their experiences and the barriers they face.

- Aminah Abdul-Hakim, SDP Independent Facilitator/IRC Local
- Kyungshil Choi, Founder, Korean SDP Network, Parent
- Julie Diep, Founder and President, OC Autism Foundation, Self-Advocate & Parent
- Elizabeth Gomez, Director, Integrated Community Collaborative, Self-Determination Advisory Committee Member, Parent
- Chris LyBurtus, Parent
- Oscar Mercado, Communications and Outreach Manager, Integrated Community Collaborative, Self-Advocate

10:10-11:10 am

### Panel

#### We Know We Don't Know Everything

Advocates and researchers on the lack of data, transparency and information needed to develop meaningful solutions.

- Brian Capra, Senior Staff Attorney, Children's Rights Project, Public Counsel, Sibling
- Victor Duron, Director, Master Plan on Developmental Services
- Vivian Haun, Senior Policy Attorney, I/DD Practice Group, Disability Rights California, Sibling
- Alison Morantz, Director, Stanford I/DD Law and Policy Project, Parent
- Amy Westling, Executive Director, Association of Regional Center Agencies



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### Breakout Sessions

#### Ideas Exchange: Creating Solutions for Equity Together

The breakout sessions provide an opportunity for the attendees to work together to develop policy solutions to longstanding inequities in the systems that are supposed to support people with I/DD.

#### Primary and Preventative Health and Dental Care

- Dr. Michelle Catanzarite, Chief Medical Officer, Achievable Clinic
- Miguel Lugo, Outreach Specialist, Disability Voices United, Self-Advocate
- Nicole D. Vick, Staff Analyst, Center for Health Equity, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

#### Regional Centers

- William Del Rosario, DVU Intern, Self-Advocate
- Fernando Gomez, Co-Founder, Integrated Community Collaborative & Board Member, DVU, Parent
- Jesse Weller, Executive Director, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

#### Education

- Lisa Mosko, Founder and CEO, SpEducational, Parent
- Diana Pastora Carson, Educator, San Diego State University, Author, Podcaster, DVU Board Member, Sibling
- Nicole Voisard, Self-Advocate

#### Mental Health/Crisis Intervention and Supports

- Gwen Jordan, Clinical Director, Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
- Will Leiner, Managing Attorney, I/DD Practice Group, Disability Rights California, Sibling
- Hector Manuel Ramirez, Councilmember, Intertribal Disability Advocacy Council, Member, California Department of Health Care Service Behavioral Stakeholder Advisory Committee, Self-Advocate

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### **Immigration and Language Access**

- Aida Amare, President/Founder, Hope for Special Education, Parent
- Katherine Perez, JD/PhD, Director, The Coehlo Center for Disability Law, Policy, and Innovation, Sibling
- Diana Ugalde-Lara, Self-Advocate

### **Diagnosis and Early Intervention**

- Marcos Aguilar, Jr., Director, Clinical and Intervention Services, Special Needs Network
- Kathleen Barajas, President, Project AIR, Chair, Metro Accessibility Advisory Committee, Self-Advocate
- Silvia Hernandez-Cuellar, OTD, OTR/L, Pediatric Occupational Therapist, Nurture Collective

12:15-1:15 pm

### **Lunch and Award Ceremony**

#### **Disability Equity Award Presented to Dr. Mark Ghaly**

Former Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency

1:20-2:20 pm

### **Breakouts**

#### **Ideas Exchange: Creating Solutions for Equity Together**

Breakout sessions repeat from the morning

2:30-3:30 pm

### **Final session**

#### **Equity Solutions Reality Check**

Presentation of top recommendations for policy solutions to disparities with "reality check respondents," people with lived and living experience



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