



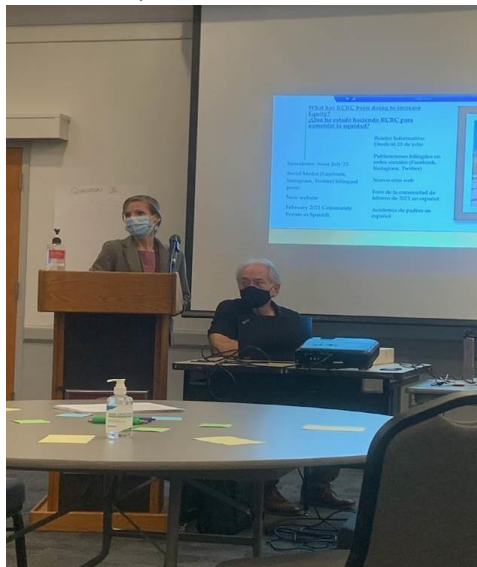
# Redwood Coast Regional Center

Serving Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino and Lake Counties

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## **RCRC News**

RCRC conducted a Community Meeting for Equity and Access to Services on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting was attended by stakeholders and the comments provided by participants will be used as data to help us improve access and equity in our services. The meeting was presented by Dr. Rick Blumberg, former RCRC Executive Director and currently a consultant and Jennifer Garcia, Diversity Outreach Specialist.



There will be future meetings in a hybrid in-person and via zoom -style meetings regarding

Social Recreation in 2022. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- March 24- Eureka 5:30-6:30
- June 23 – Ukiah 5:30-6:30
- September 22- Lakeport 5:30-6:30
- December 1- Crescent City 5:30-6:30

Redwood Coast Regional Center was represented in our Ukiah Light Parade and Eureka Truckers Parades this year. Many thanks to Dolores for the float design and use of her vehicle and trailer. Also, a big thank you to our staff who came out to spread the Holiday cheer. We had Santa and Mrs. Claus on both of our floats.





As the year draws to an end we wish to express our gratitude and love for our community. We look forward to seeing our community members more in 2022.



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## **RCRC Client Advocate Position**

### **We are looking for the next Client Advocate in Eureka!**

Are you an advocate passionate about human rights?

Do you want to be part of a team committed to empowering people with disabilities?

#### **Client Advocate Qualifications:**

- Be a Client of Redwood Coast Regional Center;
- Communication skills
- Be knowledgeable about the issues, concerns, needs and preferences of people with developmental disabilities;
- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Have the ability to travel, including to the RCRC Office in Eureka
- Demonstrated leadership for Client empowerment and self-advocacy.
- Computer skills and/or ability to use adaptive accommodations

If this is YOU, apply for the RCRC Client Advocate position today!

## **Upcoming Outreach Events**

12/18 Hmong Community Food Distribution at Bess Maxwell School, Crescent City 10am-1pm

12/18 Lakeport Farmers Market, Steel Wines 9am-1pm

12/19 Shoe Ceremony by invitation at Fortuna 1pm-3pm

12/22 Hoopa Shopping Center 10am-1pm

Job announcement and instructions are located on our website

Click Here: [https://redwoodcoastrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ClientAdvocate\\_120121.pdf](https://redwoodcoastrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ClientAdvocate_120121.pdf)

If you have questions about the job or want to know more contact Sierra Braggs:



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Phone: 707-445-0893 ext. 348  
[sbraggs@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:sbraggs@redwoodcoastrc.org)

## **Parent Academy**

**The next Parent Academy will be December 26 (English) and December 27 (Spanish)**

**For questions please contact us.**

**Denise (English) [bctservices2@gmail.com](mailto:bctservices2@gmail.com) 707-489-9972**

**Jennifer (Spanish) [jgarcia@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:jgarcia@redwoodcoastrc.org) 707-616-1976**

***Hope to see you soon – and best wishes for Happy and Healthy Holidays!***

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### **Project SAFEE (Self-Advocates for Emergency Education)**

Project SAFEE (Self-Advocates for Emergency Education) is a new team of self-advocates from across California united for the purpose of providing emergency education and social awareness. In 2021 they developed their project, mission statement, outreach plan and flyer, and educated 100+ people with I/DD/FA/Professionals on COVID-19 Vaccine and Vaccine Hesitancy throughout California communities. They have identified their goals for 2022 and are preparing to launch a new statewide project focusing on emergency preparedness and first aid/CPR, partnering with American Red Cross.

**Interested in keeping your community safe?  
Please join us for one of our meetings:  
Every 1st & 2nd Friday of the month  
from 8:30-10:00am**

We welcome you to learn and participate:

- Promote safety awareness
- Commit to attend every meeting
- Show professionalism and good attitude
- Have a strong voice for leadership and education
- No experience necessary but dedication required

**For more information about the next Zoom meetings**

Please contact:

Debbie Marshall at (619) 913-8232 or email

[debbie.marshall@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:debbie.marshall@scdd.ca.gov)

Sarah May at (530) 895-4027 or email

[sarah.may@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:sarah.may@scdd.ca.gov)

### **Self Determination Advisory Committee**

**Attention Self-Determination Participants and Families!** RCRC and SCDD host a monthly Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meeting on the third Friday of each month from 10:00am-12:00pm via Zoom. This committee reviews the development and progress of the Self-Determination program and offers ongoing recommendations. This group is made up of clients, family members, Regional Center employees and service providers. Self-Determination Advocacy Committee (SDAC) is seeking to fill TWO positions; one in Del Norte and one in Humboldt. We would like one of these new committee members to be a representative from a Family Resource Center. SDAC is seeking active participants and interested parties to attend these meetings and share their experiences and questions. Please contact Sedona Bowser at 707-445-0893 ext 363 or [sbowser@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:sbowser@redwoodcoastrc.org) to request the Zoom invitation. We hope to see you at our next meeting, January 21, 2022!

### **Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics**

Need a Covid-19 vaccine?

You can register for a vaccine appointment and look for more vaccine clinics at

**[Myturn.ca.gov](http://Myturn.ca.gov)**

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## **PG&E Medical Baseline Program**

The Medical Baseline is a program offered through PG&E that provides extra electricity at a lower rate and notification of upcoming or planned PSPS events for anyone enrolled in the program. The notification from PG&E allows more time for you to charge back up batteries, make alternative living arrangements for longer events, and PG&E will communicate restoration and any additional outage information to you as it becomes available. You can find information for the medical baseline on their website [www.pge.com/medicalbaseline](http://www.pge.com/medicalbaseline). On this website, you can check eligibility requirements, fill out an application form, or print the application to fill out. If you have questions, call: **1-800-743-5000**

## **Newsletter Contributions**

Thank you to those who have contributed. If you have something you would like to contribute to our newsletter, please send it to [igarcia@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:igarcia@redwoodcoastrc.org) by the first or third Wednesday of the month to be included in the following Friday's newsletter. As the newsletter grows, we are hoping to receive stories from our community.



## **Happy Holidays!**

There are many winter holidays that are celebrated around the world. Many of the dates change from year to year. Here is a list of just some of them and their dates for this winter.

Diwali: November 4

Hanukkah: November 28- December 6

Saint Nicholas Day: December 6

El Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe/Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: December 12

Lucia Day: December 13

Las Posadas: December 16-December 24

Winter Solstice/Yule/Christmastide: December 21

Soyal: December 22

Christmas Eve: December 24

Christmas: December 25

Boxing Day: December 26

Kwanzaa: December 26-January 1

Omisoka: December 31

New Year's Eve: December 31

New Year's Day: January 1

Three Kings Day/Epiphany: January 6

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