

# REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

Serving Del Norte, Humboldt,  
Lake, and Mendocino County

## A Message from Jonathan Padilla

REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**D**ear Clients, Staff, and  
Community Partners,

It is an honor to step into this role as RCRC's Executive Director. I am deeply grateful to the Board for their trust and want to begin by acknowledging the people at the heart of our Vision: the individuals and families who rely on our services. Your strength, your goals and lived experiences are the reason this agency exists, and I am committed to ensuring that our work continues to reflect dignity, respect, and genuine partnership. I am also grateful to those working to carry our mission forward every day. The work you do—supporting individuals and families with compassion, dignity, and persistence—matters profoundly. I want to acknowledge the dedication, expertise, and heart that already define RCRC and our community.

To our clients and families: thank you for welcoming me into a community that has supported one another for so many years. I look forward to meeting you, hearing your stories, and learning what matters most to you. Your voice will guide my leadership. My goal is to ensure our services not only meet your needs but honor your hopes and aspirations.

To our staff and community partners: your dedication and compassion make this work possible. I see the care you bring to each interaction, and I want you to know how deeply it is valued. I am committed to supporting you so that you can continue providing the high-quality, person-centered services our clients deserve.

Over the coming weeks, my priority is to listen and learn. I want to better understand your experiences, your insights, and

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## Days to Remember

**March is**  
Social Work Month

**March is**  
Women's History Month

**March is**  
Cerebral Palsy  
Awareness Month

**March is**  
Developmental Disabilities  
Awareness Month

**March 2nd**  
Employee Appreciation  
Day observed  
*RCRC will be closed*

**March 8th**  
Daylight Savings Day

**March 17th**  
Saint Patrick's Day

**March 17th**  
World Social Worker Day

**March 20th**  
1st Day of Spring

**March 21st**  
World Down Syndrome Day

**March 26th**  
Purple Day for Epilepsy

**March 31st**  
Cesar Chavez Day  
*RCRC will be closed*





## A Message from our new ED

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your hopes for the future. I will be visiting with clients and families, spending time with staff across all roles, and connecting with our community partners. I want to understand from your perspective what is working well, where we can strengthen support, and how we can continue building a welcoming, inclusive environment for everyone. The people closest to the work are the ones who understand it best, and your perspectives will guide my steps.

RCRC has a legacy of standing beside people as they pursue greater independence, stability, and opportunity. For decades, RCRC has stood as a source of advocacy, and support for individuals and families to be valued members of their community who are respected, supported, honored, and recognized for their diverse contributions and valued services. That legacy is something deeply important to me. My commitment is to carry our Vision forward with steadiness, transparency, and a deep respect for the people we

serve. I look forward to working alongside you to build what comes next.

My goal is to support continuity. I am here to strengthen what is working, to remove barriers where I can, and to ensure each of you feel valued, supported, and equipped to be your very best. Together, we will continue to provide high-quality services and uphold the values that make this organization a trusted resource in the Redwood community.

In the near term, I am focusing on deepening communication, strengthening service and program quality, and building strong relationships with clients, families, staff, and partner agencies. I look forward to getting to know you better and working collaboratively with you.

I invite you to reach out, introduce yourself, and share your thoughts. Whether you are a client, a family member, a staff member, or a community partner, your perspective matters. I welcome these conversations and look forward to hearing your ideas, concerns, or simply making time to connect with you. The work is at its best when we do it together.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received.

I am excited for what we will accomplish as a team and community, and I am committed to leading with empathy, clarity, and respect for those we serve.



*With appreciation,  
Jonathan Padilla  
Executive Director  
[JPadilla@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:JPadilla@redwoodcoastrc.org)*





Kevin with handmade hat

## Memorial Party for Kevin Pearl

Art Explorers

**W**e are heartbroken by the passing of our dear friend and Art Explorers studio artist, Kevin Pearl.

Kevin was full of uncontainable joy, and he shared his silliness with everyone he met. He always had a twinkle in his eye, a running gross joke, and a clever idea to brighten even the dullest days. Kevin had a deep love for horror movies, the Jackson family (don't forget Bubbles!), Elvis, and FOOD – all of which showed up in the art he made. He was so proud that his work was shown

far and wide, from the Bay Area to Baltimore, and he thought it was especially cool that people from all over the world collected his art.

Kevin had a huge heart and was deeply loved by the Fort Bragg community. He will be forever missed. His spirit will always be with us through the art he created.

Together we'll gather to honor and remember the incredible man who was a part of the Fort Bragg community for decades.

The evening will include live music by Erin Brazill, performing a mix of Kevin's favorite songs. Kevin's artwork will be on display, with a small selection of unframed pieces available for purchase on a sliding-scale, donation basis. There will also be a memorial shrine where guests are invited to contribute

written memories, drawings, or meaningful objects.

Join us to share stories, music, and laughter, and to remember the rich life of this wonderful person and the impact he had on everyone who knew him.



*Kevin's memorial party will take place at the Art Explorers Studio 333 N Franklin St., on First Friday, March 6 from 5:00–7:00 p.m.*



Kevin Kitties, Kevin Pearl



# Artist's Spotlight!

# Jaimal S. Kordes

I'm a local artist who strives to challenge myself with different ways of making art. I have mediums that I've done: acrylic, graphite, watercolor, theatre and dance. One of the mediums I do just for fun is abstract. I challenge my mind to do better art and creative ideas. To do that, I create abstracts. Some of my abstracts deal with my mental illness and the way I look at the world and the way I look at myself as an individual and an artist. It's a way of dealing with my emotions, anxiety, and my depression and to trap that into my art. That's why I do abstracts. I use different colors, shapes and hidden images in my work, so the viewer can look at it in all different ways and really think about what they're looking at. It's a great creative outlet to challenge my inner self and brain. ★

*If you would like to purchase artwork, please contact Allen Cassidy at (707) 798-0357.*



The Bird Effect, Jaimal S. Kordes



Above: Jaimail working in the studio. Right: The Imprimentment of My Darkness, Jaimal S. Kordes





## Getting to know our community

**SARAH HAMES-ANDERSON**  
“NURSE SARAH”

### What is your position at RCRC?

Nurse Consultant for over 25 years.

### What inspired you to get into this field of work?

I like to say the Regional Center found me... I actually became a Nurse to be a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse to do flight Nursing. However, I injured my back shortly after Nursing school & can no longer lift more than 10 pounds. My best friend found this job in the paper & said “this is the perfect job for you”, so I applied & was hired. I knew almost nothing about RCRC & didn't know then how much this work would come to mean to me.

### Tell us about an inspirational experience working with RCRC?

I believe we are all living, breathing, heart beating human beings & that's how we should all be treated. I feel strongly that if it's not a good enough answer for me or someone I love, then it is not a good enough answer for the clients we serve. It helps that I don't take no for an answer. I find great joy in seeing someone realize they “drive the boat” & we are merely here to help get them to where they want to be. Watching someone do something others said they would “never be able to do” fills my heart.

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spare time, lol...I love spending time with my hubby Jeremiah & my 3-legged dog Smokey, especially at our Ranch aka “my happy place”. I also like puzzles (at least 500 pieces, but 1,000 piece are my faves). ★



Smokey

“ I have always said that if I were in an accident on my way home, I would want Sarah advocating for me at the hospital. She is a fierce advocate — not only for equitable health care, but for equal rights, personal choice, and dignity in risk.

Sarah knows her clients personally — their medical histories, their life journeys, and their wishes. She practices an old-fashioned, deeply human, highly personal kind of care. Our clients trust her completely.

As Executive Director, I've spoken with Sarah on Christmas morning, on innumerable holidays, and at midnight more times than I can count. If she is needed, she is there — in wellness, in crisis, and even at the end of life, ensuring dignity in death. That level of commitment is rare, and it speaks to the extraordinary professional and person she is. ”

— Retired Executive Director  
Dr. Kimberly Smalley

## RCRC Newsletter

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# MARCH 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Del Norte

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- For more information on events hosted by or collaborated with RCRC visit our website calendar at <https://redwoodcoastrc.org/events/>.
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## FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

### Orick Playgroup, ages 0-5

**Every Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30am-11:30am**

March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25

Orick Elementary School, 120918 Highway 101, Orick

For more information, contact 707-488-2821 or visit

<https://www.first5humboldt.org/for-families/playgroups/>.



## FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

### Rio Dell Play Group, ages 0-5

**Every Tuesday, 10:00am-12:00pm**, March 3, 10, 17 & 24

Volunteer Fire Department of Rio Dell, 50 Center St., Rio Dell

For more information, contact Rio Dell Community Resource Center at 707-764-5239 or visit

<https://www.first5humboldt.org/for-families/playgroups/>.

*RCRC will be tabling this event on March 24th.*



## FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

### Arcata Playgroup, ages 0-1

**Every Tuesday, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

March 3, 10, 17 & 24

D St. Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., Arcata

For more information, contact Arcata Recreation Department at 707-822-7091.



## FOOD FOR PEOPLE

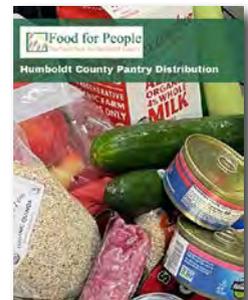
### Humboldt County Distribution Centers

**March 4, 10:00am-12:30pm**

2331 Rohnerville Rd., Fortuna

For more information, visit <https://www.foodforpeople.org/distribution>

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## LOLETA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

### Dance Therapy

Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm

March 4, 11, 18 & 25

Loleta Community Resource Center, 700 Loleta Dr., Loleta

For more information, contact 707-733-5239.



## FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

### Willow Creek Playgroup, ages 0-5

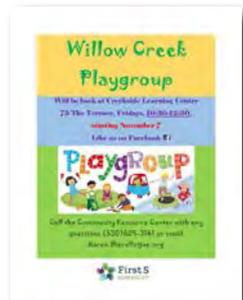
Every Friday, 10:00am-12:00pm

March 6, 13, 20 & 27

Creekside Learning Center, 75 The Terrace, Willow Creek

For more information, contact Karen Diers at 530-629-3141 or email at

[Karen.Diers@stjoe.org](mailto:Karen.Diers@stjoe.org).



## SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

### Community Baby Shower

March 7th, 12:00pm-3:00pm

South Fork High School, 6831 Avenue of the Giants, Miranda

For more information, call 707-923-1147 or email [frc@shchd.org](mailto:frc@shchd.org)

*RCRC will be tabling this event*



## FOOD FOR PEOPLE

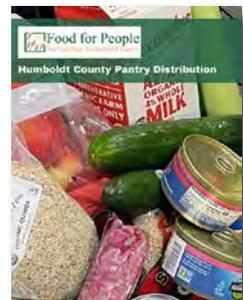
### Distribution Centers

March 10, 10:30am-12:30pm

First Baptist Church, 1055 Redway Dr., Redway

For more information, visit <https://www.foodforpeople.org/distribution>

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## FOOD FOR PEOPLE

### Distribution Centers

**March 11, 10:00am-12:30pm**

Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department, 50 Center St., Rio Dell

For more information, visit <https://www.foodforpeople.org/distribution>.

RCRC will be tabling this event



## MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

### Redwood Caregivers Group

**March 14th, 11:30am-1:00pm**

Game On, 411 1st St., Eureka

For more information, contact Alex at 707-601-8293.



## RCRC, HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE, DDS & LISTOS

### Disaster Preparedness Event

**March 14th, 12:00pm-3:00pm**

Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka

For more information, call Susan at 707-445-0893 ext. 379



## MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

### Client, family and caregivers group

**Tuesday, March 17th, 3:00-4:30pm**

Southern Humboldt Family Resource Center, 344 Humboldt Ave., Redway

For more information, contact Kathryn at 707-616-3600 or Ian at 540-818-8164.



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## FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

### Redway Play Group, Ages 0-5

March 18, 10:00am-12:00pm

Redway Elementary, Rm. 22, 344 Humboldt Ave., Redway

For more information, contact Southern Humboldt Family Resource Center at 707-923-1147

or visit <https://www.first5humboldt.org/for-families/playgroups/>.

RCRC will be tabling this event



## LOLETA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

### Loleta Food Pantry

3rd Thursday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm

March 19th

Loleta Community Church, 228 Church St., Loleta

For more information, contact 707-733-5239.



## REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

### Spanish Listening Session

March 20th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Rd. B, Fortuna

For more information, call Susan at 707-445-0893 ext. 379

This event is in Spanish.



## REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

### Ask an Immigration Expert

March 25th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Jefferson Center, 1000 B St., Eureka

For more information, call Carmen Elena at 520-433-2076

RCRC will be tabling this event.



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## FIRST 5 MENDOCINO

**Laytonville Play Group, Ages 0-5**  
**Every Thursday of each month, 12:30am-2:00pm**

March 5, 12, 19 & 26

200 Branscomb Rd., Laytonville

For more information, contact 702-340-1164.

*RCRC will be tabling this event on March 19th.*



## REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

**Autism Caregiver Community Group**  
**March 25th, 1:00pm-2:00pm & March 26th, 6:00-7:00pm**

RCRC, 1116 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah

or

Zoom - Meeting ID: 226 576 792 493 83, Passcode: wi228LH9

For more information, call Tierra at 707-445-0893



## MENDO LEAP

**Neurodiversity Night!**

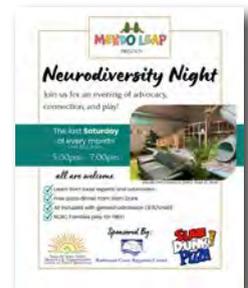
**Last Saturday of each month, 5:00-7:00pm**

March 28th

2146 S. State St., Ukiah

RCRC families play for FREE!

For more information, visit <https://www.mendoleap.com/>.



## MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

**Client, family and caregivers group**

**Monday, March 30th, 5:30-7:00pm**

Mendo Leap, 2146 S. State St., Suite A, Ukiah

RSVP is required. Call or text 707-494-8511 or email [schedule@multiplicityinc.com](mailto:schedule@multiplicityinc.com) with total number of adults & children.

*Socks must be worn to enter the play area.*



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## EASTERSEALS

### Early Learning Centers

**Every Wednesday, 9:00am-12:00pm**, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

14085 Lakeshore Drive, Clearlake

&

**Every Friday, 3:00-6:00pm**, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

1173 11th Street, Lakeport

For more information, contact 707-413-6920.



## LAKE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

### Lower Lake Playgroup, ages 0-5

**2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month, 3:00-4:30pm**

March 10 & 24

16170 Main St. Suite C & D, Lower Lake

For more information, contact 707-279-0563, ext 204.



## RCRC SPANISH PARENT GROUP

### Attend, Learn, Share!

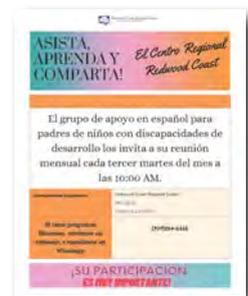
**3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:00am**

March 17th

RCRC office, 180 3rd St., Lakeport

For more information, contact 707-234-5415.

*This event is in Spanish.*



## LAKE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

### Parents of children with disabilities Support Group

**3rd Thursday of each month, 10am**

March 19th

16170 Main St., Suite C & D, Lower Lake

Register at: <https://forms.gle/UHm1cGkHvUTxbwFh8>

For more information, contact 707-279-0563, ext. 204.



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## CHANGING TIDES

### Upcoming Trainings

3rd Wednesday of each month, 9:30-10:30am & 6:00-7:00pm.

March 18th

To RSVP and receive Zoom information, call 707-444-8293 or email [FEC@changingtidesfs.org](mailto:FEC@changingtidesfs.org).



## CHANGING TIDES

### Parent and Caregiver Support Group

4th Wednesday of each month, 9:30-10:30am & 6:00-7:00pm.

March 25th

To RSVP and receive Zoom information, call 707-444-8293 or email [FEC@changingtidesfs.org](mailto:FEC@changingtidesfs.org).



## REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

### Purchase of Service Data for FY 24/25 - Public Meeting

March 27th, 12:00-1:00pm

Zoom - Meeting ID: 825 1469 5842, Passcode: 981852

or Dial: 1 669 900 6833 (US)

For more information visit: <https://redwoodcoastrc.org/transparency/governance/purchase-of-service-data-meeting-notices/>





## STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ORIENTATION



Join Us to Learn...

- What is SDP\*
  - How SDP Works
  - The Principles of SDP
  - Steps to Enroll in SDP
  - Key Roles in SDP
  - Your Next Steps
- \* Self-Determination Program

For more Information and Registration  
Click the link below:

<https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation>



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...Are Self-Determined!

Learn if the Self-Determination Program is  
Right for You!

A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION WILL BE PROVIDED.  
AN SDP ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN SDP.

## SCDD AND DDS STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ORIENTATION

Want to learn more?

Contact your Service Coordinator at RCRC or a  
Participant Choice Manager.

### Participant Choice Managers

Humboldt & Del Norte Counties:

Alex Ostell

(707) 445-0893, ext. 317 or [aostell@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:aostell@redwoodcoastrc.org)

Mendocino & Lake Counties:

Sheila Keys

(707) 462-3832, ext. 254 or [SKeys@redwoodcoastrc.org](mailto:SKeys@redwoodcoastrc.org)

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**Let your voice be heard!**

**FAMILY SURVEYS**  
NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS (NCI)

Let your regional center and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) know what you think about your services!

Surveys are confidential, and evaluate the services and supports you and your family member receive through your regional center and service providers.

Surveys are mailed directly to you from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD). You may fill it out on paper, or online with the code in your letter.

Email [QAProject@SCDD.ca.gov](mailto:QAProject@SCDD.ca.gov) to participate in the survey.  
Email [NCIHelp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:NCIHelp@dds.ca.gov) for general questions about NCI.

DDS Department of Developmental Services

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## SCDD NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS

### Family Surveys

To participate in the survey, email [QAProject@SCDD.ca.gov](mailto:QAProject@SCDD.ca.gov)

Families will have until the end of June 2026 to complete the surveys and send them back to SCDD.

For more information, email [NCIHelp@dds.ca.gov](mailto:NCIHelp@dds.ca.gov)





**LOCAL & REGIONAL RESOURCES**

Find these and many more on our website at:

<https://redwoodcoastrc.org/resources-hub/local-resources/>



**Redwood Coast Regional Center believes that access to information, supports, and learning is necessary for all people to achieve their life goals.**

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## Contact Us

Learn more about our services and programs.

## Redwood Coast Regional Center Offices

CONTACT YOUR NEAREST OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE

### Ukiah Office | Corporate Office

1116 Airport Park Blvd.  
Ukiah, CA 95482  
Phone: (707) 462-3832  
Fax: (707) 462-3314  
*Mendocino County*

### Lakeport Office

180 3rd Street  
Lakeport, CA 95453  
Phone: (707) 262-0470  
Fax: (707) 264-6537  
*Lake County*

### Eureka Office

525 2nd Street, Suite 300  
Eureka, CA 95501  
Phone: (707) 445-0893  
Fax: (707) 444-3409  
*Humboldt County*

**(New office coming soon!)**

### Fort Bragg Office

270 Chestnut Street, Suite A  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437  
Phone: (707) 964-6387  
Fax: (707) 964-0226  
*Mendocino County*

### Clearlake Office

14888 Olympic Dr.  
Clearlake, CA 95422  
Phone: (707) 621-6169  
Fax: (707) 264-6537  
*Lake County*

### Crescent City Office

1301-A Northcrest Drive  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
Phone: (707) 464-7488  
Fax: (707) 465-4230  
*Del Norte County*

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Respecting Choice in the Redwood Community

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