

**Alta California Regional Center  
STATE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER ADMISSIONS**

Board Approved: March 22, 2012

Effective Date: April 1, 2012

**BACKGROUND**

Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) recognizes the importance to the people we serve that they live in their own communities.

**POLICY**

ACRC will not refer clients to state developmental centers unless the individual is being remanded to such an institution by court proceedings due to alleged criminal activity and involvement with the justice system (forensic placement). This policy places a high degree of responsibility on ACRC to obtain necessary and appropriate supports and services for those we serve.

Those responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Advocating for necessary services and supports for clients who face significant challenges in community life.
- Advocating for adequate funding to safely and fully support clients who might otherwise be referred for placement in a state developmental center.

For clients who are placed into state developmental centers for forensic reasons, we will continue to advocate for accessible legal assistance, and will actively support all efforts toward rehabilitation and re-entry into successful life in the community

Exception:

- In the event that after exhaustive efforts, safe and adequate supports cannot be obtained for a client within a community setting, placements or referrals to a state developmental center made after the effective date of this policy may be considered as an emergency, temporary and time-limited measure. During any residence in a state developmental center by an ACRC client, a Specialized Planning Team, consisting of the client, ACRC staff, developmental center staff, family, and potential community supports, will meet on at least a monthly basis to actively plan for discharge into a safe and appropriate community setting.