

PROVIDER FAIR

Saturday, June 11, 2011 10 am – 2 pm

Lanterman Developmental Center George De Bell Auditorium

WHAT is the Provider Fair? The Provider Fair is an open house gathering of the people and organizations who will be taking care of most of the Lanterman residents when they leave the Developmental Center. Providers are coming to speak with families about possibilities in the future of the Lanterman residents.

WHO will be at the Provider Fair? Representatives from different residential programs that care for people with medical needs and people with behavioral issues will attend. Representatives from Day Programs for different activities such as employment, art, and behavioral services will be available to speak with families. Representatives from non-profit housing corporations will have information on a permanent housing stock for people with disabilities. Other individuals who will have information on what is available for **your** relative will be at the Provider Fair. Programs from all over Southern California will be in attendance. **Lanterman Staff will also attend, to learn more about future options for their clients!**

WHY is this important? This event will allow you to visit with a variety of different providers in one setting. Listen to them share their programs and outline their services directly. Let providers know more about the needs of Lanterman residents, including your family member. Ask questions directly - What is life like for the people they presently serve? Are they familiar with the needs of people like your family member? What are the training, qualifications, and experience of their staff? How do they handle the particular needs and challenges of their clients? Compare and contrast the different options available. Learn more about services that will be developed. Make contacts and gather information to review at home. **Information from this event can help you advocate for your family member during the IPP and the Resident Transition processes, where future placements will be determined. It is up to YOU to learn about what living options are available for your relative with the closure of Lanterman. You CAN make a difference in the placement of your loved one.**

We urge you to attend this important event!

You should plan to spend **at least one hour** at this drop-in/open- house gathering, scheduled for **10 am to 2 pm**. Please arrive no later than 1pm!

For additional information contact the Parents Coordinating Council at 909-444-7572, or ldcpcc@gmail.com