



INDEPENDENT
Living CENTER OF
KERN COUNTY

Annual Report

2022 - 2023



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**Our vision is to promote positive change in society
leading to the integration and acceptance of
persons with disabilities within our community.**

Executive Director's Message

Dear Consumers and Partners,

As the Executive Director of Independent Living Center of Kern County (ILCKC), I am honored and humbled to serve people with disabilities. ILCKC has been serving Kern County since 1991. On behalf of our staff and board, we are very grateful to everyone who has supported the Independent Living Center of Kern County. It is with open arms that we invite the community to collaborate with us in order to enhance and improve the independence of people with disabilities.



Our staff is the foundation that allows ILCKC to operate and serve people with disabilities throughout Kern County. Our staff and board members make a daily impact in our community by taking the time to educate, engage, and empower people with disabilities. ILCKC serves approximately 500 consumers annually. We receive thousands of information & referral calls each year. Our staff continuously offer resources and guidance to help people with disabilities make informed choices about their life.

**“ILCKC remains devoted to advocate
for a more accessible future.”**

Many staff have overcome disability-related obstacles; and can offer insight and encouragement to consumers using a peer-role modeling approach. With over half of our staff having one or multiple disabilities, we understand the individual is the expert in their disability.

We take pride in empowering consumers to reach their full potential and ILCKC remains devoted to advocate for a more accessible future. We understand that every case is unique. ILCKC is here to support a more independent and integrated life for all people with disabilities. As a person with a disability, I want to remind people with disabilities to embrace the idea that they have control of their lives, and to learn to do as much as they can, on their own. I want to encourage them that they can do better and deserve better.

Your friend,
Jimmie Soto, Executive Director

Service Category Totals

ADVOCACY - 118
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY - 119
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE - 34
VOCATIONAL SERVICES - 3
COMMUNICATION SERVICES - 35
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - 15
MOBILITY TRAINING - 11
RECREATIONAL SERVICES - 0
YOUTH/TRANSITION SERVICES - 17
INFORMATION & REFERRAL - 302
INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS TRAINING - 301
PREVENTATIVE SERVICES - 38
HOUSING & RELATED SERVICES - 258
PEER COUNSELING - 21
OTHER SERVICES - 18

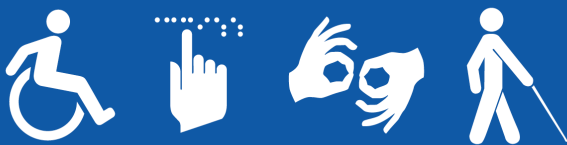
**TOTAL INDIVIDUAL SERVICES
 OFFERED IN 2022 - 2023 = 1,290**

Consumer Demographics



3 % American Indian, Alaskan Native
> 1 % Asian
16 % Black / African American
> 1 % Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander
41 % White
34 % Hispanic / Latino
4 % Two or more races
1 % Race and Ethnicity Unknown

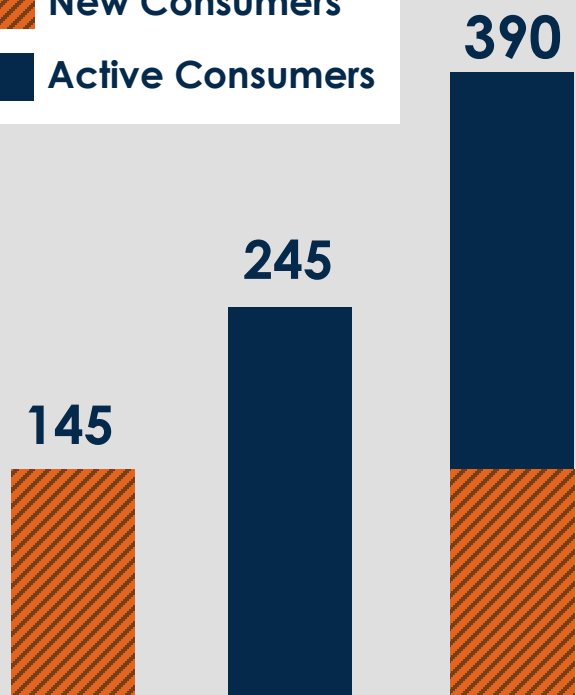
Disability Types Assisted

9% Cognitive **13% Vision**
21% Mental Health **3% Hearing**
36% Physical **18% Multiple**



Total Consumers

 **New Consumers**
 **Active Consumers**



According to consumer feedback

64 % of consumers who responded to the survey strongly agree the services useful

82 % of consumers strongly agree that staff have been kind, sensitive, and courteous

70 % of consumers strongly agree being encouraged to develop their Independent Living Plan

73 % of consumer strongly agree that most of their needs were met

64 % of consumers strongly agree that their overall quality of life has improved

55 % of consumer strongly agree that calls are returned promptly

73 % of consumer strongly agree that staff are knowledgeable about agency services

64 % of consumers strongly agree that staff were knowledgeable about community resources and services

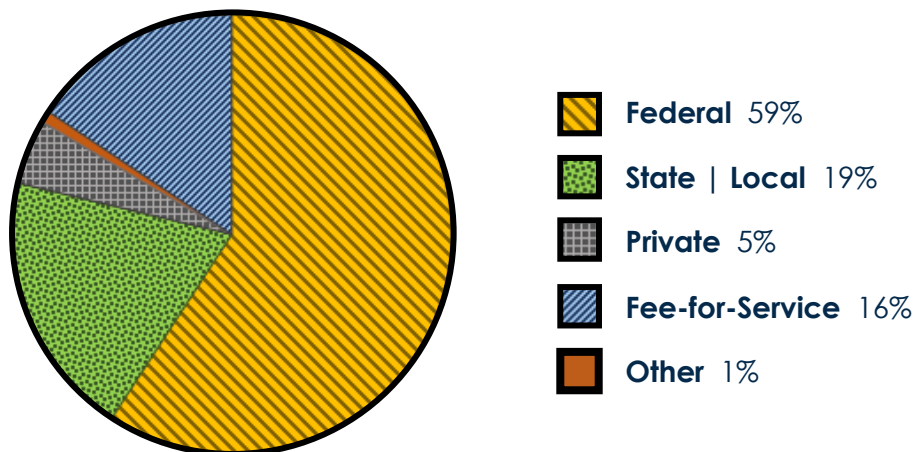
64 % of consumers felt very satisfied with services.

Funding Sources

Social Security Administration
Administration for Community Living
DOR / OIB Contract
Pacific DBTAC - ADA
Housing Authority of Kern County

Department of Health Care Services - CCT
Pacific Gas and Electric / SoCal Edison
State of California Dept. of Aging / ADRC
The SCAN Foundation

2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year Expenses



Kern County



ILCKC serves all 8,163 miles of Kern County.

100% of every dollar donated stays in Kern County.

63% of ILCKC Board Members live with a Significant Disability.

61% of ILCKC Staff live with a Significant Disability.

Friends of ILCKC

Donations and financial support is always appreciated.

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The mission of Independent Living Center of Kern County is to empower people with disabilities to grow creatively, professionally, and personally; and to educate the community about disability related issues. The vision of Independent Living Center of Kern County is to promote positive change in society leading to the integration and acceptance of persons with disabilities within our community.



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