

To: ACBH Providers, Adult and Older Adult System of Care
From: Vanessa Baker, Division Director, Older Adult Services and The Schreiber Center
Subject: [HOPE Bridging the Gap](#), A Bay Area Symposium
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Dear Provider,

Anyone providing care knows the challenges posed and the complexity of navigating public resources and services. Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) is partnering with administrators from 3 Bay Area Regional Centers (San Andreas, Golden Gate, and Regional Center East Bay), the Behavioral Health providers for Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, and Bay Area vendors and contractors to host a virtual symposium addressing the Behavioral Health needs of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disability.

Plan to attend: [Bridging the Gap](#), A Bay Area Symposium presented via Webinar on Thursday, September 23, 2021, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. There is a nominal fee of \$5.00 to register for the symposium for yourself and any number of others within your organization. During the symposium, for those who attend, there will be a number of chances to win door prizes.

This is an opportunity to join the panelists and participants for a day of conversations, learning, and sharing of knowledge to [bridge the gap](#) and improve service delivery to individuals with disabilities.

Greater inclusion of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disability requires all systems of support respond to the needs of this community. For individuals with I/DD also diagnosed with behavioral health needs, appropriate response from regional centers, county behavioral health, direct service providers and clinicians, and first responders is essential. To register directly to the symposium go to: [Mental Health Symposium | Hope Services](#).

Also, attached please find the symposium flyer. The flyer includes the registration link to the symposium along with a link to a version of the flyer in Spanish, and the email address of David Grady, david.grady@scdd.ca.gov who can answer any questions you or someone may have. To promote this important symposium, please share the flyer and information about this symposium to those stakeholders on your email lists.

