

## Valley Mountain Regional Center

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## Performance Report for Valley Mountain Regional Center

Every year, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracts with regional centers in California to serve individuals and families. And, every year DDS looks at how well the regional centers are doing. This report will give you information about your regional center.

Last year, at Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) we served about 20,470 individuals. The charts on page two tell you about the individuals we serve. You'll also see how well we are doing in meeting our goals and in fulfilling our contract with DDS.

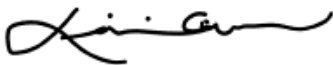
At VMRC, we want to improve every year, do better than the state average, and meet or exceed the DDS standard. As you can see in this report, we did well by:

- Reduced the number of individuals residing in developmental centers to 0.03% which is lower than the state average.
- Completed onsite HCBS assessments of 321 residential, day program and group employment vendors. VMRC achieved 100% compliance with the HCBS Final Settings Rule requirements.
- VMRC increased service access and eligibility for African American and Hispanic individuals.
- Increasing purchase of service for social and recreation for 2,313 individuals;

VMRC still needs to improve in:

- Completing timely independent audits;
- Increasing access to services for more diverse communities; and
- Supporting individuals with achieving their employment goals.

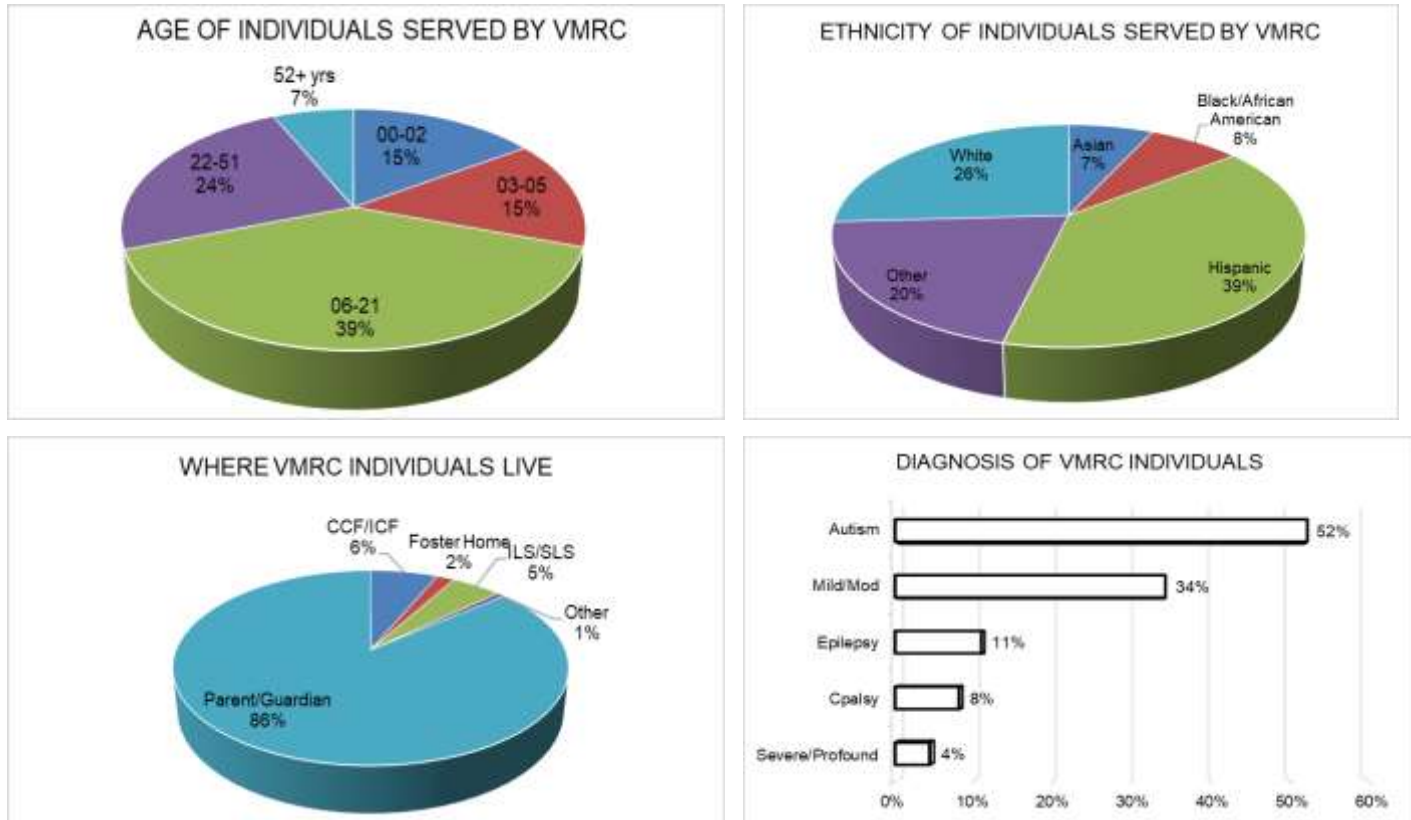
We hope this report helps you learn more about VMRC. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us. This report is a summary. To see the complete report, go to: <https://www.vmrc.net/performance-contract-2/> or contact me at (209) 472-6510.



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## Who uses VMRC?

These charts tell you about who VMRC individuals are and where they live.



## How well is VMRC performing?

This chart tells you five areas where DDS wants each regional center to keep improving.

The first column tells you how VMRC was doing last reporting period, and the second column shows how VMRC was doing at the end of fiscal year 2024.

To see how VMRC compares to the other regional centers in the state, compare the numbers to the state averages (in the shaded columns).

Regional Center Goals (based on Lanterman Act)	Last Reporting Period (December 2022)		Current Reporting Period (June 2024)	
	State Average	VMRC	State Average	VMRC
Fewer individuals live in developmental centers	0.06%	0.05%	0.05%	0.03%
More children live with families	99.61%	99.54%	99.69%	99.64%
More adults live in home settings	83.01%	79.72%	83.86%	80.66%
Fewer children live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%
Fewer adults live in large facilities (more than 6 people)	1.67%	2.94%	1.46%	2.60%

Notes: 1) Individuals can be included in more than one diagnosis category. 2) Residence Types: CCF/ICF is Community Care Facility/Intermediate Care Facility; ILS/SLS is Independent Living Services/Supported Living Services. 3) Home settings include independent living, supported living, Adult Family Home Agency homes, and individuals' family homes. 4) Green text indicates the RC remained the same or improved from the previous year, red indicates the RC did not improve.

## Did VMRC meet DDS standards?

Read below to see how well VMRC did in meeting DDS compliance standards:

Areas Measured	Last Period	Current Period
Passes independent audit	Yes	Yes (see note one)
Passes DDS audit	Yes	Yes
Audits vendors as required	Not Met	Partially Met (see note two)
Didn't overspend operations budget	Yes	Yes
Participates in the federal waiver	Yes	Yes
CDERs and ESRs are updated as required (CDER is the Client Development Evaluation Report and ESR is the Early Start Report. Both contain information about individuals, including diagnosis.)	96.76%	99.94%
Intake/Assessment timelines for individuals age 3 or older met	77.63%	66.24%
IPP ( <i>Individual Program Plan</i> ) requirements met	98.99%	95.51%
IFSP ( <i>Individualized Family Service Plan</i> ) requirements met	97.5%	92.9%

Notes: 1) Regional center's report has not been completed. They will send the report to DDS upon completion. 2) Regional center did not complete the minimum number of total audits, billing audits, staffing/cost verification, and program for consumer under age of three audit required for FY 2022-23. Did not submit summary by deadlines. 3) The federal waiver refers to the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver program that allows California to offer services not otherwise available through the Medi-Cal program to serve people (including individuals with developmental disabilities) in their own homes and communities. 4) The CDER and ESR currency percentages were weighted based on the RC's Status 1 and Status 2 caseloads to arrive at a composite score. 5) N/A indicates that the regional center was not reviewed for the measure during the current period.

- VMRC is currently recruiting for a permanent Chief Financial Officer; and
- VMRC will be hiring a permanent fiscal monitor to comply with DDS standards and meet the demands of State requirements.

## How well is VMRC doing at getting individuals working?

The chart below shows how well VMRC is performing on increasing individual employment performance compared to their prior performance and statewide averages:

Areas Measured	Time Period				
	CA	VMRC	CA	VMRC	
<b>Individual Earned Income ( Age 16 to 64 years):</b> Data Source: Employment Development Department	Jan through Dec 2022		Jan through Dec 2023		
Quarterly number of individuals with earned income	31,413	937	32,132	940	
Percentage of individuals with earned income	15.40%	11.78%	15.20%	11.28%	
Average annual wages	\$13,198	\$11,118	\$14,251	\$11,994	
<b>Annual earnings of individuals compared to people with all disabilities in California</b> Data Source: American Community Survey, 2022 five-year estimate	2021		2022		
	\$30,783		\$29,382		
<b>National Core Indicator Adult In-Person Survey*</b>	July 2017-June 2018		July 2020-June 2021		
Percentage of adults who reported having integrated employment as a goal in their IPP	29%	33%	35%	N/A	
<b>Paid Internship Program</b> Data Source: Paid Internship Program Survey	2021-22		2022-23		
	CA Average	VMRC	CA Average	VMRC	
Number of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program	1,527	8	2,650	9	
Percentage of adults who were placed in competitive, integrated employment following participation in a Paid Internship Program	12%	0%	10%	22%	
Average hourly or salaried wages for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program	\$15.08	\$14.20	\$15.96	\$15.31	
Average hours worked per week for adults who participated in a Paid Internship Program	15	16	14	19	
<b>Competitive Integrated Employment</b> Data Source: Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Program Survey					
Average wages for adults engages in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made	\$15.63	\$14.69	\$16.51	\$15.64	
Average hours worked for adults engages in competitive, integrated employment, on behalf of whom incentive payments have been made	22	17	21	14	
Total number of Incentive payments made for the fiscal year for the following amounts:**	\$3,000	25	14	804	34
	\$2,500	42	30	849	35
	\$2,000	55	50	1,031	29

\*Regional centers receive an 'N/A' designation within the table if fewer than 20 people responded to the survey item.

## How well is VMRC doing at reducing disparities and improving equity?

These tables show you how well the regional center is doing at providing services equally for all individuals.

Percent of total annual purchase of service expenditures by individual's ethnicity and age

Age Group	Measure	American Indian or Alaska Native		Asian		Black/African American		Hispanic		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		White		Other Ethnicity or Race	
		21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
Birth to 2	Individuals	0%	0%	8%	8%	4%	5%	42%	44%	0%	0%	18%	16%	28%	26%
	Expenditures	0%	0%	9%	10%	4%	4%	43%	48%	0%	0%	18%	16%	24%	22%
3 to 21	Individuals	0%	0%	10%	10%	7%	7%	44%	45%	0%	0%	23%	21%	15%	16%
	Expenditures	0%	0%	11%	10%	9%	11%	39%	40%	0%	0%	26%	24%	15%	14%
22 and older	Individuals	0%	0%	8%	8%	10%	10%	27%	28%	0%	0%	47%	46%	7%	7%
	Expenditures	1%	1%	7%	7%	11%	11%	20%	21%	0%	0%	54%	52%	7%	8%

- VMRC is currently recruiting a permanent Director of Equity and Engagement to support all service access, equity and diversity efforts in the VMRC catchment area.

Number and percent of individuals receiving only case management services by age and ethnicity

Measure	Fiscal Year	Number of Eligible Individuals Receiving Case Management Only			Percent of Eligible Individuals Receiving Case Management Only		
		Birth to 2	3 to 21	22 and Older	Birth to 2	3 to 21	22 and Older
American Indian or Alaska Native	21-22	0	5	1	0%	22%	4%
	22-23	0	9	2	0%	33%	7%
Asian	21-22	16	295	78	5%	31%	16%
	22-23	12	333	87	3%	31%	17%
Black/African American	21-22	10	208	82	5%	30%	13%
	22-23	11	187	92	5%	25%	14%
Hispanic	21-22	90	940	228	5%	23%	14%
	22-23	103	1,097	265	5%	23%	15%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	21-22	0	6	5	0%	24%	36%
	22-23	0	11	5	0%	29%	36%
White	21-22	30	785	352	4%	36%	12%
	22-23	37	791	370	5%	35%	13%
Other Ethnicity or Race	21-22	64	410	70	5%	29%	17%
	22-23	82	523	81	6%	31%	18%
Total	21-22	210	2,649	816	5%	28%	13%
	22-23	245	2,951	902	5%	28%	14%

- VMRC is increasing collaboration with city and county partners to develop more affordable housing options for VMRC clients in our five county catchment area.

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