

# Jonathan Padilla Appointed Interim Executive Director of RCRC

BRINGING 10 YEARS OF NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP TO THE REDWOOD COMMUNITY By Nichole Haydon

Redwood Coast
Developmental Services
Corporation (RCDSC) and
Redwood Coast Regional
Center (RCRC) proudly
announce the appointment of
Jonathan Padilla as the Interim
Executive Director.

Jonathan brings over a decade of experience in the nonprofit sector and a deep commitment to community-centered leadership. He most recently served as Director of Client Services and Director



Jonathan Padilla, Interim Executive Director of RCRC.

of Community Services within the regional center and holds a Master of Social Work, where he focused on organizational governance, executive leadership, and interventions for children and adolescents. Bilingual in English and Spanish, Jonathan is well-positioned to

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### **Days to Remember**

#### October is

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

#### October is

Hispanic Heritage Month

#### October is

National Disability Employment Month

#### October is

Filipino American History Month

#### October is

Learning Disabilities Month

#### October 6th

World Cerebral Palsy Day

### October 13th

**Indigenous Peoples Day** 

RCRC is closed

### October 31st

Halloween







## Interim Executive Director of RCRC

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serve the diverse populations of the Redwood region.

He succeeds Dr. Kimberly

Smalley, who retired after over 40 years of dedicated service to the social services field. Under Dr. Smalley's leadership, RCRC expanded its support for individuals with developmental disabilities throughout its fourcountry catchment area. In his new role, Jonathan aims to carry forward RCRC's vision and help navigate the organization through the potential challenges of statewide budgetary changes. "I'm honored to lead RCRC at a pivotal time," Jonathan expressed. "Our vision is bold,

"Our vision is bold, inclusive, and deeply rooted in empowering individuals to have positive control over their own lives. I look forward to leading with that same commitment and heart to build a joyful and supportive atmosphere for our clients and team members."

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RCRC's work is grounded with

the powerful vision that all people, including those with developmental disabilities, should have the opportunity to live, learn, work, travel, and play in the most inclusive environments possible.

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Nichole Haydon RCRC Director of Human Resources

### **A Vision for Inclusion**

The organization's comprehensive vision statement emphasizes respect, accessibility, diversity, and empowerment. It also calls for a service system that is fluid, person-centered, and culturally responsive — a vision Jonathan plans to uphold while fostering innovation and accountability.

RCDSC Board President, Mike Sawyer welcomed Jonathan with optimism ensuring RCRC's continued organizational success and stability during the Board of Directors recruitment process. RCRC remains steadfast in its belief in one community, built on trust, creativity, teamwork, and shared learning. As Jonathan Padilla takes the helm, the organization looks forward to continuing its work in honoring and respecting choice in every corner of the Redwood Community.

For more information about RCRC's services and programs, visit <a href="https://www.redwoodcoastrc.org">www.redwoodcoastrc.org</a>.



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Abi and Jenny with family in the 3-mile walk.

### **Abi and the Finish Line**

By Abi's Family

hank you so much for this experience, this is the second year that Abi walked the 3 miles. For a moment, I thought we wouldn't make it to the finish line.

My Abi was very tired and kept saying, "Bye bye walk," but against all odds and against what doctors said, that she wouldn't be able to walk; A for God,

nothing is impossible.

Thank you, Jorge, Enrique, and all the organizations that made this possible \*\* and to Jenny for motivating Abi to reach the finish line \*\*\*.

We did it! ♥♣️ I love someone with autism ♥♣️.



## Calling all Entries!

Do you have a client focused story, project or event you'd like to share in the newsletter?

### We would like to hear from you!

Please submit to
Redwood Coast
Regional Centers
Social Media
Coordinator for
review and possible
publication at
rsocial@redwoodcoastrc.org

Note: photos of clients and their families require a signed photo consent form.







### Reuben T. Mayes



Gluten Free Pizza, Garden Style

Reuben T. Mayes is a talented and prolific artist whose favorite theme is food. This painting is of a gluten free pizza. His preferred medium is paint. ★

To learn more about Reuben's artwork, visit his website at <a href="https://artinmyworkboots.com/home.html">https://artinmyworkboots.com/home.html</a>





### **October 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Dance Therapy Loleta	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	<b>10</b> RCRC Field Days Willow Creek	Multiplicity Caregivers Group Loleta
12	Indigenous Peoples Day RCRC is closed	Play Group Lower Lake  Multiplicity Caregivers Group Redway	Changing Tides Training, Zoom Client Advisory Committee Meeting, Zoom	Loleta Food Pantry Loleta Parent Support Group Lower Lake	TCIL Emergency Play Workshop Eureka Redwood Discovery Haunted House Eureka	Redwood Discovery Haunted House Eureka Pumpkin Fest Ukiah
Redwood Discovery Haunted House Eureka Pumpkin Fest Ukiah	20	Spanish Parent Group Lakeport  RCRC Autism Caregiver Community Group, Lakeport	Changing Tides Parent Group, Zoom	23	24	25 Mendo Leap Neurodiversity Night Ukiah
26	Multiplicity Activity Night Ukiah	Play Group Lower Lake Mental Health First Aid Crescent City	29	30	31 Halloween	

For more information, see event fliers.





### LOLETA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER Dance Therapy

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Every Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm Loleta Community Resource Center, 700 Loleta Dr., Loleta For more information, contact 707-733-5239.

### **RCRC FIELD DAYS**

Service Coordinator open time

October 10th, 1:00-3:30pm 100 Country Club Dr., Willow Creek

For more information, contact Anna McClure at 707-445-0893 ext. 359.

Will be canceled with inclement weather.





### **MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES**

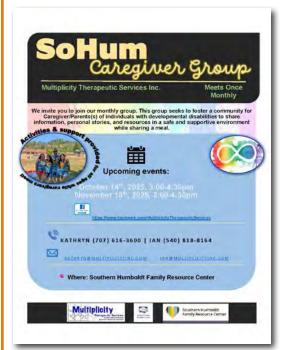
**Redwood Caregiver Support Group** 

October 11th, 1:00-2:30pm

Bear River Family Entertainment Center 263 Keisner Rd., Loleta

For more information, contact Kelly at 707-498-0010 or email kelly@multiplicityinc.com.





### **MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES**

### **SoHum Caregivers Group**

October 14th, 3:00-4:30pm

Southern Humboldt Family Resource Center 344 Humboldt Ave., Redway

For more information, contact Kathryn at 707-616-3600 or Ian at 540-818-8164.

### **LAKE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**

**Play Group** 

October 14th & 28th, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 3:00-4:30pm

16170 Main St. Suite C & D, Lower Lake For more information, contact 707-279-0563, ext 204.





### **CHANGING TIDES**

### **Upcoming Training**

October 15th, Every 3rd Wednesday, 9:30-10:30am and 6:00-7:00pm

Zoom

For more information, and Zoom link, contact 707-444-8293.





### RCRC CLIENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### **Virtual Public Meeting**

October 15th, 6:00-7:00pm

Zoom • Meeting ID: 853 0866 5382 • Passcode: 914500

Dial by phone: 1669 900 6833

For more information, contact Sedona Bowser, Executive

Assistant at sbowser@redwoodcoastrc.org or

707-445-0893 ext 363

### **LOLETA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER**

**Loleta Food Pantry** 

October 16th, Every 3rd Thursday, 3:00-5:00pm Loleta Community Church, 228 Church St., Loleta For more information, contact 707-733-5239.





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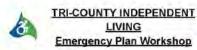
### **Parent Support Group**

October 16th, 3rd Thursday of the month, 10:00-11:00am 16170 Main St., Suite C & D, Lower Lake

Register at: <a href="https://forms.gle/UHm1cGkHvUTxbwFh8">https://forms.gle/UHm1cGkHvUTxbwFh8</a> For more information, contact 707-279-0563, ext. 204.









We are proud to announce that TRI-COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING will be offering an emergency plan workshop for all TCIL clients and interested community members that would like to learn how to create and implement an Emergency Plan for themselves and/or their families. You will also receive an Emergency Go Backpack at the end of the workshop to take home as a starting point for an emergency XII.

This workshop will be held on the 3rd Friday of every other month. Light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: By calling Tara Groswird - 707-498-0977 or 707-445-8404 "Space is limited to 6 participants per each workshop

Location: Tri-County Independent Living 139 5th St. Eureka, Ca 95501

> Rural Human Services 286 M St. Suite A, Crescent City, Ca 95531

Dates: Every 3rd friday of every other month (see workshop dates below)

Times: 1:00pm - 2:30pm

### TRI-COUNTY INDEPENDENT LIVING

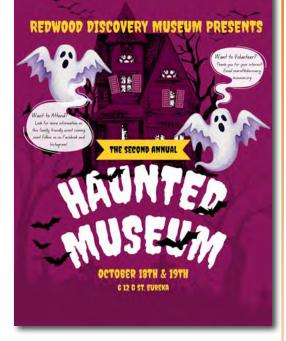
Emergency Plan Workshop October 17th, 1:00-2:30pm

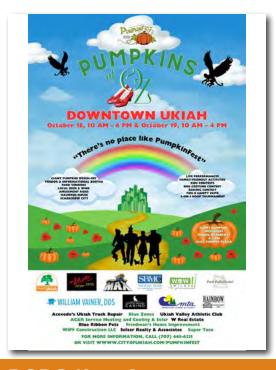
Tri-County Independent Living, 139 5th St., Eureka Please RSVP Tara Groswird at 707-498-0977 or 707-445-8404 ext. 715.

### REDWOOD DISCOVERY MUSEUM Haunted Museum

October 17th, 18th & 19th, 12:00-4:00pm (October 17th for RCRC clients only) 612 G St., Suite 102, Eureka

For more information contact director@discovery-museum.org





### DOWNTOWN UKIAH Punpkin Fest

October 18th 10:00am-6:00pm & 19th, 10:00am-4:00pm Downtown, Ukiah

For more information contact 707-463-6231 or visit www. cityofukiah.com/pumpkinfest





### RCRC SPANISH PARENT GROUP

Attend, Learn, Share!

October 21st, 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:00am RCRC office, 180 3rd St., Lakeport

For more information, contact 707-234-5415.

(This event is in Spanish)

### REDWOOD COAST REGIONAL CENTER

Autism Caregiver Community Group - Tips & Tricks for the Holiday Season

October 21st

RCRC office, 180 3rd St., Lakeport or

Zoom - Meeting ID:942 1219 5009, Passcode: 115425

For more information, contact Tierra at 707-462-3832 ext. 212





### **CHANGING TIDES**

### **Parent/Caregiver Support Group**

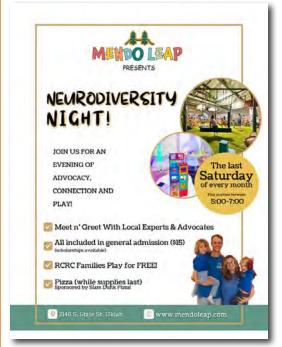
October 22nd, Every 4th Wednesday, 9:30-10:30am and 6:00-7:00pm

#### Zoom

For more information, and Zoom link, contact 707-444-8293.







### **MENDO LEAP**

### **Neurodiversity Night!**

October 25th, Last Saturday of the month, 5:00-7:00pm 2146 S. State St., Ukiah

RCRC families play for FREE!

For more information, visit www.mendoleap.com

### MULTIPLICITY THERAPEUTIC SERVICES Activity Night!

October 27th, 5:30-7pm Slam Dunk Pizza, 720 N State St., Ukiah Please RSVP by 10/24/25 at 707-494-8511 or schedule@multiplicityinc.com with number of adults and children.





### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Activity Night!

October 28th, 8:00am-5:00pm 880 Northcrest Dr., Crescent City Register at <u>bit.ly/DNCO\_AMHFA</u>

For more information, contact Zoey Knowlton at 707-464-3060 or zknowlton@co.del-norte.ca.us







### **ENGLISH EXPRESS**

Free English Language & Citizenship Classes

Fall September-December

**Humboldt County** 

For more information, contact 707-443-5021, or visit <a href="https://englishexpressempowered.com/about/">https://englishexpressempowered.com/about/</a>

### SCDD NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS

**Family Surveys** 

To participate in the survey, email QAProject@SCDD.ca.gov For more information, email NCIHelp@dds.ca.gov





### CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**5 Year Plan Input Survey** 

Deadline: October 15th 2025

For more information, visit <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/">https://scdd.ca.gov/</a>

stateplandevelopment/





# SCDD and DDS Statewide Self-Determination Orientation

Want to learn more?
Contact your Service
Coordinator at RCRC or a
Participant Choice Manager.

Participant Choice Managers

Humboldt & Del Norte Counties:

Alex Ostell (707) 445-0893, ext. 317 aostell@redwoodcoastrc.org

Mendocino & Lake Counties: Sheila Keys (707) 462-3832, ext. 254 SKeys@redwoodcoastrc.org



### STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ORIENTATION



Join Us to Learn...

- What is SDP\*
- How SDP Works
- The Principles of SDP
- Steps to Enroll in SDP
- Key Roles in SDP
- Your Next Steps
- \* Self-Determination Program

For more Information and Registration Click the link below:

https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation



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...Are Self-Determined!

Learn if the Self-Determination Program is

Right for You!

A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION WILL BE PROVIDED.
AN SDP ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN SDP.





#### **LOCAL & REGIONAL RESOURCES**

Find these and many more on our website at: <a href="https://redwoodcoastrc.org/resources-hub/local-resources/">https://redwoodcoastrc.org/resources-hub/local-resources/</a>



















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Redwood Coast Regional Center believes that access to information, supports, and learning is necessary for all people to achieve their life goals.







### **Contact Us**

Learn more about our services and programs.

### Redwood Coast Regional Center Offices CONTACT YOUR NEAREST OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE

### **Ukiah Office | Corporate Office**

1116 Airport Park Blvd. Ukiah, CA 95482 Phone: (707) 462-3832 Fax: (707) 462-3314 *Mendocino County* 

### **Lakeport Office**

180 3rd Street Lakeport, CA 95453 Phone: (707) 262-0470 Fax: (707) 264-6537 Lake County

#### **Eureka Office**

525 2nd Street, Suite 300 Eureka, CA 95501 Phone: (707) 445-0893 Fax: (707) 444-3409 Humboldt County

### (New office coming soon!)

### **Fort Bragg Office**

270 Chestnut Street, Suite A Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Phone: (707) 964-6387 Fax: (707) 964-0226 Mendocino County

#### Clearlake Office

14888 Olympic Dr. Clearlake, CA 95422 Phone: (707) 621-6169 Fax: (707) 264-6537 *Lake County* 

#### **Crescent City Office**

1301-A Northcrest Drive Crescent City, CA 95531 Phone: (707) 464-7488 Fax: (707) 465-4230 Del Norte County

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