

  
**FAIRVIEW**  
Families & Friends, Inc.  
**NEWSLETTER**

*Located at Fairview Developmental Center      A State Residential Facility for the Developmentally Disabled  
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[WWW.FAIRVIEWFAMILIESANDFRIENDS.ORG](http://WWW.FAIRVIEWFAMILIESANDFRIENDS.ORG)

(714) 751-2344 - We will respond to your message at the earliest possible time.

**January 2017**

**FFF Meeting Sunday,  
January 22, 10 am  
Large Classroom in Administration Bldg.**

## Fairview Closure Advisory Groups

The Closure Plans for the three remaining Developmental Centers, including Fairview, rely on three Advisory Groups for the best outcomes for both the residents and the staff. The RESIDENT TRANSITION ADVISORY GROUP (RTAG) reviews the transition processes and makes recommendations for improvement. The QUALITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP (QMAG) reviews the data collection system and the actual data on the quality of community services that the former DC residents are receiving. The STAFF SUPPORT ADVISORY GROUP (SSAG) focuses on making sure that qualified and experienced staff are available for Fairview residents during the closure process, and offers employment information in the community setting.

Depending on the advisory group, some Fairview residents, family members, and staff, along with Fairview employees, employee bargaining units, Regional Center staff, staff from Disability Rights California, and staff from the Department of Developmental Services, may serve on the different groups.

These Advisory Groups are now formed and working on their individual assignments – Join us for the FFF meeting where representatives from the Department of Developmental Services will share with us more information on the work of these Advisory Groups.

# Thank you!

Thanks to all who participated in the annual FFF Fall Festival! Our prize drawing awarded money, gift certificates to stores and restaurants, gasoline cards, and a beautiful hand-made quilt, and the door prizes made everyone a winner. The best prize was knowing that all proceeds are used to support different programs that enhance the lives of the Fairview residents!

Fall Festive Message from Cheryl Bright, FDC Executive Director

*Dear Fairview Family and Friends:  
Yesterday's celebration was a memorable time for us  
all.*

*The food was delicious and the gifts were amazing,  
but the most memorable moments were those when Lexi  
shared a few stories of the many life time friendships  
that have been nurtured throughout the years. Truly,  
Fairview Family and Friends has been a joy to many ....  
and in the midst of a changing world, the steadfast  
support that you have provided to each other, to your  
loved ones and to the Fairview Community has been an  
anchor. You have been a gift to the Fairview  
community as a whole. Thank you so much for a joyful  
celebration yesterday.*

*May 2017, bring you all the Blessings  
each of you so deserve.*

*Happy Holidays!*

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Developmental Center - or Porterville DC or Sonoma DC? Check out the DC Closure page on the DDS website at [www.dds.ca.gov/DevCtrs/DCClosures.cfm](http://www.dds.ca.gov/DevCtrs/DCClosures.cfm). There is a lot of information on the closure plan, resident transitions, the Community State Staff Plan, and more!

## **VOR** – speaking out for people with intellectual & developmental disabilities

VOR is the national advocacy organization supported by many California current and former Developmental Center families – including Fairview families! VOR works to ensure high quality care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities no matter where they live. VOR is a great resource to keep in touch with what is happening in Washington DC – much of the funding and regulations that affect our family members comes from the Capitol! This year, VOR will focus on these goals:

- \* Preserve Medicaid funding for individuals with developmental disabilities
- \* Preserve and expand the continuum of care and to acknowledge the role of congregate care facilities in a comprehensive system of residential and treatment options
- \* Protect Guardianship rights
- \* Protect Sheltered Workshops
- \* Demand better accountability and transparency for reporting incidents that may indicate abuse or neglect of individuals with I/DD
- \* Stand up for the rights of long-term caregivers, and to help improve the training and compensation for people who attend to individuals with I/DD.
- \* Support Quality of Care initiatives in all residential facilities, including ICF's, group homes, and intentional communities

Find out more about VOR – including how you can support them – at [www.vor.net](http://www.vor.net) , and at  
VOR

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### ***Developmental Services Task Force\****

Task Force public meeting has been scheduled in Sacramento for  
Wednesday February 15, 2017 - 10:00 am – 3:00pm

Information on attendance – either in person or by teleconference – can be found at  
[www.chhs.ca.gov/pages/DCsTaskForce.aspx](http://www.chhs.ca.gov/pages/DCsTaskForce.aspx)

\*Developmental Services Task Force is assembled through CA Health and Human Services to give recommendations to improve and strengthen the system for people with developmental disabilities, including focuses on the community safety net, housing, and employment.

FFF is a Non-Profit Corporation - All Dues and Donations to FFF are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. MANY THANKS!

## **FFF SUNDAY MEETING DATES!**

January 22      March 19      May 21  
July 16      September 10      November 19

**FFF meetings are open to everyone, including Fairview employees!**

### **Checklist for DC Families – Make sure YOU are up to date!**

**Conservatorship** of your family member – is it current?

**Your Regional Center** – do you know which RC serves your family member?

**Your contact information** – does your FDC Social Worker and RC Case Worker have your full contact information – phone numbers, email, address, etc?

### **FOR ASSISTANCE ON IPP's & PLACEMENTS –**

**Call JOE PRESTON at (714) 203-1001!**

#### **FAIRVIEW POPULATION**

December 2016 - 196      December 2015 - 252      December 31, 2014 - 296