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| …with regulatory agencies – California Department of Public Health – Licensing and Certification (CDPH- L&C), Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and the State Legislature.CAHF staff meet regularly with government decision makers in Sacramento on member-driven issues.Bi-monthly Developmental Services Newsletter.Listserv with daily/weekly updates.The latest from field experts at the Developmental Services Conferences throughout the year.**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:**Attend targeted education courses for Developmental Service providers both new and existing; opportunities for New Provider Orientation, QIDP certification, cost reporting, new laws, regulatory compliance, survey processes and more. Members receive significantly reduced rates to all CAHF/QCHF educational events and conference venues. | …as the Legislature and government propose new laws and regulations that will affect you. …at every legislative session, CAHF staff review hundreds of bills to determine if there is a potential impact to ICF/DD providers.CAHF staff attend and testify at legislative hearings and meet with legislators and government representatives on your behalf. | CAHF membership gives you **instant access** to collective knowledge and information.**Get help fast!**CAHF members have instant access to hundreds of your peers via the DP Listserv. Type in a message for instant help and feedback when you are facing clinical, financial, survey or audit issues.CAHF staff is available to you via telephone or email.CAHF consultants are available to help you with cost report issues.Access to the “Members Only” section of the CAHF website, a valuable source of regulatory information and guidance. | Sponsored Assembly Resolution 34 that honors direct care staff of ICF/DD, DD-H, DD-N, and CNC facilities.Sponsored legislation that ensures Medi-Cal reimbursement continues when the state’s budget is delayed. Without this protection, Medi-Cal providers would not receive payment for services while the state is without an approved budget. CAHF was instrumental in securing the Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP).CAHF has continually advocated for provider rate increases. CAHF has successfully negotiated with DHCS to:* Overturn the DHCS proposal to eliminate bed hold funding.

CDPH to:* Centralize employee fingerprint process.
* Obtain designated and trained ICF/DD surveyors.
* Initiate certification visits for newly licensed facilities.
* Hold regular meetings with CDPH staff to resolve survey and enforcement issues.
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