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Tragedy at Inland Regional Center

SACRAMENTO CA- News outlets across California are reporting active shooters at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino. While reports are still coming in, multiple people have been wounded or killed and the situation is ongoing.

The Inland Regional Center (IRC) is one of 21 nonprofit agencies in California that contract for services for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities IDD, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, and Down Syndrome. IRC serves approximately 31,000 throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and employ approximately 600 people.

Statement from Dr. April Lopez, Chairperson for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities regarding the ongoing active shooter incident in San Bernardino, CA:

“This is a tragic and heartbreaking moment for the disabled community in California. Our thoughts and prayers are with the shooting victims and their loved ones and the first responders who are doing everything possible to make this situation safe. As this active shooter incident continues to unfold we ask all consumers who utilize Regional Center services throughout the state of California to consider postponing visits to local regional centers until the authorities deem the incident resolved and any threats to people with disabilities and/or their support staff are eliminated. We are working with federal, state and local officials to ensure that all who have been affected are safe.”

The State Council on developmental disabilities (SCDD) is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need.

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