

CALIFORNIA SUPPORTED LIVING NETWORK 2007 SCORECARD

<p>CSLN Network successfully opposes AB 1427</p>	<p>Linked in partnership with other stakeholders and partners, CSLN Leadership educated legislative leaders and policy makers regarding the deficits of AB 1427. The coalition argued that AB 1427 was a cumbersome and unnecessary vehicle to provide funding for vital wage increases and funding for best-practices training methods. It was argued that there were far more efficient and effective methods of achieving these same goals. Through the efforts of the coalition, and the compelling testimony of many CSLN members, we were ultimately successful in having the Governor veto this bill.</p>
<p>Community Living Workgroup added to CRA Structure</p>	<p>In an effort to have CRA more comprehensively lobby for the interests of supported living, a workgroup was formed within CRA that seeks to provide a forum for CRA members who provide supported living to bring forth legislative agendas that favor promoting quality supported living services within California.</p>
<p>SLS "Think Tank" Co-sponsored by CSLN</p>	<p>In conjunction with Jay Nolan Center, a gathering of the best and brightest of California supported living providers and advocates was held in Sacramento. While maintaining the focus on defending against the many threats facing supported living's continuing viability, the "Think Tank" also resulted in some exciting commitments to work together to increase regional SLS training and peer mentoring opportunities.</p>
<p>CSLN Holds Regular Meetings with DDS Director</p>	<p>The leaders of the California Supported Living Network were invited to meet on a quarterly basis with the new Department of Developmental Services Director, Terri Delgadillo. These meetings have presented a unique and unprecedented opportunity for the Network to provide input to the Department, and to extend the Network's assistance in solving the very real challenges facing supported living.</p>
<p>CSLN Presents the 7th Annual Leadership Conference</p>	<p>With over 130 participants attended the 7th Annual CSLN Leadership Conference in San Diego, this year's conference was the best attended. Business practices, service delivery, and best practice break-out sessions were capped by our traditional "State of the State" SLS perspective panel. Chaired by representatives from the Leadership of the California Supported Living Network, Association of Regional Centers, California Rehabilitation Association, the Department of Developmental Services, and Protection and Advocacy, the current status of supported living services in California was examined in what is always a lively exchange of information and perspectives. As always, our evening mixer provided a great opportunity to network with SLS leaders from across California.</p>
<p>CSLN Advocates for SLS Rate Increase</p>	<p>CSLN continued to monitor that overnight wage rates to SLS providers were increased as a result of DDS's 2007 budget increase for this purpose. In January of 2008, SLS providers received an additional \$.50 per hour increase beyond the \$.75 handed down in July 2007.</p>

