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# Referrals for Developmental Delays Webinar

## TOPICS COVERED:

- Understanding Regional Centers and Age-Related Services
- Milestones and Delays Recognition
- Familiarity with Assessment Tools
- Directing Clients to Regional Centers
- Collaboration and Resource Allocation



**February 29, 2024**  
**10:00 - 11:30 AM**  
**On Zoom**

## REGISTRATION LINK:

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## GRISELDA TORRES

### Client Services Manager, Harbor Regional Center

Griselda Torres is a dedicated professional with a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She brings over eight years of experience to the field, specializing in working with families and children with disabilities. She has made a positive impact by expanding her expertise in providing comprehensive support to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Throughout her career, she has remained deeply committed to offering comprehensive mental health support to families facing various challenges. Her expertise lies in providing counseling and therapy services tailored to address the unique needs of families and individuals. Griselda collaborates with families to understand and navigate intricate dynamics, strengthening bonds, and enhancing overall well-being.



## MARIA MAGDALENO

### Client Services Manager, Harbor Regional Center

Maria Magdaleno is a highly experienced professional with a Master's degree in Advocacy and Social Justice. She has dedicated over 9 years to making a positive impact on families and underserved populations. Her extensive background includes working in crucial areas such as youth, foster care, early childhood, and marginalized communities. As a fervent advocate for holistic well-being, Maria takes joy in witnessing families thrive and achieve their goals. She places special emphasis on fostering positive relationships and guiding individuals to reach their full potential, contributing unwaveringly to the empowerment of communities and leaving a lasting mark on the lives she touches.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

## **Understanding Regional Centers and Age-Related Services**

Participants will demonstrate an increased understanding of the roles and functions of regional centers, specifically noting the differences in services offered based on the age of the child.

## **Milestones and Delays Recognition**

Participants will revisit and enhance their knowledge of developmental milestones, gaining the ability to identify potential delays in children. This includes recognizing age-appropriate benchmarks and understanding the implications of deviations from typical development.

## **Familiarity with Assessment Tools**

Participants will discuss and become familiar with the various assessment tools used by regional centers to evaluate children. Special emphasis will be placed on tools that home visitors may not be aware of, fostering an understanding of the comprehensive evaluation process.

## **Directing Clients to Regional Centers**

Participants will acquire the knowledge and skills to guide clients to regional centers effectively. This includes understanding how and when to refer families to regional centers based on the child's needs. Additionally, participants will recognize situations where alternative resources may be more appropriate and be able to provide guidance accordingly.

## **Collaboration and Resource Allocation**

Participants will explore how home visitors can collaborate with regional centers and other relevant resources to ensure comprehensive support for families. This includes recognizing situations where collaboration with regional centers is optimal and understanding when alternative resources may better meet the needs of the client. Participants will gain the ability to navigate and coordinate services effectively.