### OUR VISION

In the spirit of unity, collaboration and respect for the human dignity and civil rights of all people, Communities Actively Living Independent & Free (CALIF) envisions a culturally diverse independent living center designed to empower the disability community.

# AT CALIF, OUR MISSION IS TO...

- ACHIEVE greater input, participation and control over policies and services, including those that exclude people with disabilities.
- ADDRESS discrimination where it exists.
- ENCOURAGE meaningful participation of persons with disabilities In mainstream activities that enhance the positive image and experience of disability.
- EMPOWER people with disabilities by encouraging ongoing education as well as a broad knowledge Of history and heritage of the Disability Movement.
- PROVIDE the disability community with core services, independent living, employment and other auxiliary services.

## CALIF ZIP CODE CATCHMENT AREA BY CITY

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West Hollywood 90069

> Compton 90220 90222

Gardena 90247-90249

**Huntington Park** 90255

> Lynwood 90262

South Gate, Cudahy 90280



# COMMUNITIES ACTIVELY LIVING **INDEPENDENT & FREE**



#### **OUR PHILOSOPHY:**

To empower people with disabilities through education of their dignity and civil rights; to take control over their choices and enable them to maximize their independence.

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# DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, DIVERSE ABILITIES, ONE HUMAN FAMILY.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be?"
-- Marianne Williamson



#### **OUR CORE SERVICES**

 HOUSING ADVOCACY
 We assist people with disabilities apply for Section 8, affordable and accessible

for Section 8, affordable and accessible housing; home modification and universal design; home mediation.

- Individual & Benefits Counseling We assist with benefit programs such as Social Security, IHSS, Medi-Cal and Medi-Care; from the application to appeal process.
- INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS
  We provide independent living skills to
  enable persons with disabilities to achieve
  a higher degree of self-reliance in their
  everyday lives. Included but not limited
  to are Money management, transportation, communication skills, and microbusiness.
- INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
  We increase consumer awareness regarding topics and resources that lead to greater self-sufficiency for people with disabilities.
- CROSS DISABILITY & PEER COUNSELING
  We provide counseling, one-on-one or in
  group settings. We also provide support
  and mentoring for people with disabilities
  to empower them with the necessary
  skills for independent living.

- SYSTEMS CHANGE ADVOCACY
  We assist the disabled community with improving and reforming systems and programs that serve them; with ADA and other laws that protect the disabled community and their safety net.
- Assistive Technology (AT)
  We assist individuals with disabilities in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. Including an evaluation for need, buying, leasing, repairing or replacing of AT devices, from cane to equipment.
- COMMUNICATION SERVICES
  We provide access to the top of the line communication devices for people with diverse disabilities (blind, hearing impaired, low-vision, and stroke victims) to enhance their communication.
- PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
   We find personal assistants for disabled persons in need of personal care and activities of everyday life. We also assist with the IHSS application.
- TRANSITION SERVICES
   We assist people in nursing homes and other institutional settings transition into their home of their choice. This program includes the entire transition process and funding for the initial living expenses.

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