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12	13	14	15	16 HCBS Family Informational Session 7pm @ 527 N. Chandler Ave.	17 	18
19	20	21 <i>Board Meeting 7:00 pm @Chandler Panda Express Fundraiser 3-9pm Monterey Park</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Short Day Schedule Program ends at 12:00 Noon. STAFF IN-SERVICE	30	31	

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March 1, 2017

To: Consumers, Families, & Care Providers
From: MERCI



The Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) informational session date will be held on Thursday, March 16th at 7 p.m. in our multi-purpose building located at 527 N. Chandler Ave. (adjacent to our parking lot). Light refreshments will be served.

The Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center has asked us to host an informational session for clients and families regarding the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs. These new federally mandated regulations provide opportunities for Medicaid beneficiaries to receive services in their own home or community. The HCBS services will affect site-based day programs, community programs, and residential services statewide. The purpose of the federal mandated regulations is to ensure that individuals receive opportunities in settings that are integrated in and support full access to their communities. Learn how you and your family member will be impacted by changes in federal mandated regulations. An Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center Community Specialist will be here to answer your questions. For more information, you can visit the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) website at dds.ca.gov.



On Tuesday, March 21st, from 3:00pm-9:00pm we will be having a fundraiser at Panda Express located at: 2086 S. ATLANTIC BLVD. MONTEREY PARK. Panda will donate 20% of the event sales to our organization. Please bring attached flyer the day of the event.

Thank you all for your continued support our Savers FUNdrive was a great success! We were able to raise \$182.00. Thank you for your participation!

Please make illness the only excuse for not attending MERCI, we have seen a drop in our revenue due to absenteeism over the last several months. We are funded by the state of California but rates for our services barely cover our costs and we do not receive any funds when our consumers do not come to the day programs. For the first time in 13 years (on July 1 2016) we received a rate increase for the services provided to the consumers we serve, but if your family member is absent we cannot bill for services, so please make illness the only excuse for not attending. Also remember the continuity of attending our day programs helps to maintain and strengthen the skills each individual is learning. For all of us, we learn by repetition and routine coming to day program ensures learning!

* Pick-ups and drop-offs are now being conducted at 527 N Chandler (our new classroom in the back of our property) adjacent to our parking lot. Staff will be available for assistance from 9:00am-10:00 a.m. and in the afternoon from 3:00pm-4:00pm. for our regular bus duty hours. As a reminder when you are dropping off someone in the designated drop off area it is important to pull forward and put your hazard lights on. It is extremely important that you do not block the "no parking" areas. They are there for emergency services and you can be cited by the city.

Please note the front of our administration building will no longer be our designated pick-up or drop-off area. However, all visitors must continue to report to the front of our administration building to sign in and out for emergency purposes.

Using email allows us to save on paper and postage!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (626) 289-8817 or at merci@merci.org.

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Ordering online? Enter this code at checkout to have your purchase support the event.

Code	When	At This Panda Location
228241	Tuesday, March 21, 2017 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Atlantic & Floral 2086 S. Atlantic Blvd. Monterey Park, CA 91754 P.3237288008

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.



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