

RICHARD THURMAN AWARD

This award is given in recognition of outstanding contribution to the field of child development, education, and mental health. It serves to showcase the work of the awardee who demonstrates best practices within the field. All children should be ready and able to be successful in school.

Addressing developmental and/or special needs will ensure each child has that opportunity. This award is given in recognition of the professional work of the awardee, which who broadened knowledge and practices of those working with children with special needs.



Peggie Webb, M.A.
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Peggie Webb, M.A. is a Program Manager for the San Diego Regional Center. She supervises a team of 12 social workers for approximately 875 adults with developmental disabilities. Peggie's team provides support to staff in the area Forensic Behavioral Health. This is an emerging specialty population of individuals with dual or triple diagnoses who have co-occurring mental health disorders, substance use disorders who may also be known to the Criminal Justice System. Peggie currently represents the Regional Center at several county sponsored committees including; the Adult/Older Adult Mental Health Council, the Mental Health Coalition, and the AB109 Taskforce.

Prior to joining the Regional Center, Peggie served as the Executive Director of Mosaic Connections, Inc., a not for profit agency specializing in training and consultation in the field of developmental disabilities and mental health. Peggie's work has included research and a statewide needs assessment related to persons with developmental disabilities and co-occurring mental health disorders.

Over the past 20 years, Peggie has consulted with the State Department of Developmental Disabilities, several other Regional Centers across the state, other states focused on services for persons with dual diagnosis and the Ministry of Children and Family Services in the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

She served as the director of the Solutions Building Community Collaborative for 5 years. This was a pilot project co-sponsored by San Diego Regional Center and San Diego County Behavioral Health Services for persons dually diagnosed (DD-MI) and dually served, some with substance use related disorders and some frequently known to the criminal justice system.

Peggie also served as a consultant to the current *Project Connect*; of Exodus Recovery, Inc.; a pilot project in San Diego providing criminal justice plans for persons with developmental disabilities, involved in the criminal justice system or at a high risk of becoming involved with this system, and is the current liaison to this project at the Regional Center.

Peggie has recently become the Project Director for the new Psychiatric Navigation Project, an MHSA funded project targeting transition age youth who are dually diagnosed and high frequency/high intensity users of SD County Emergency Medical Services including in-patient psychiatric stays.

Other work includes the development of new projects and initiatives, training staff in the field of social work, providing oversight and mentoring to other professionals in similar fields and numerous conference presentations on current work and research. Peggie is a member of the Statewide Collaborative for Forensic Mental Health in Dual Diagnosis and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Dual Diagnosis (NADD).