

**DEPARTMENT of
REHABILITATION**

Employment, Independence & Equality

Established 1963

Joe Xavier, Director

DOR VISION & MISSION

DOR Vision:

Employment, independence and equality for all Californians with disabilities.

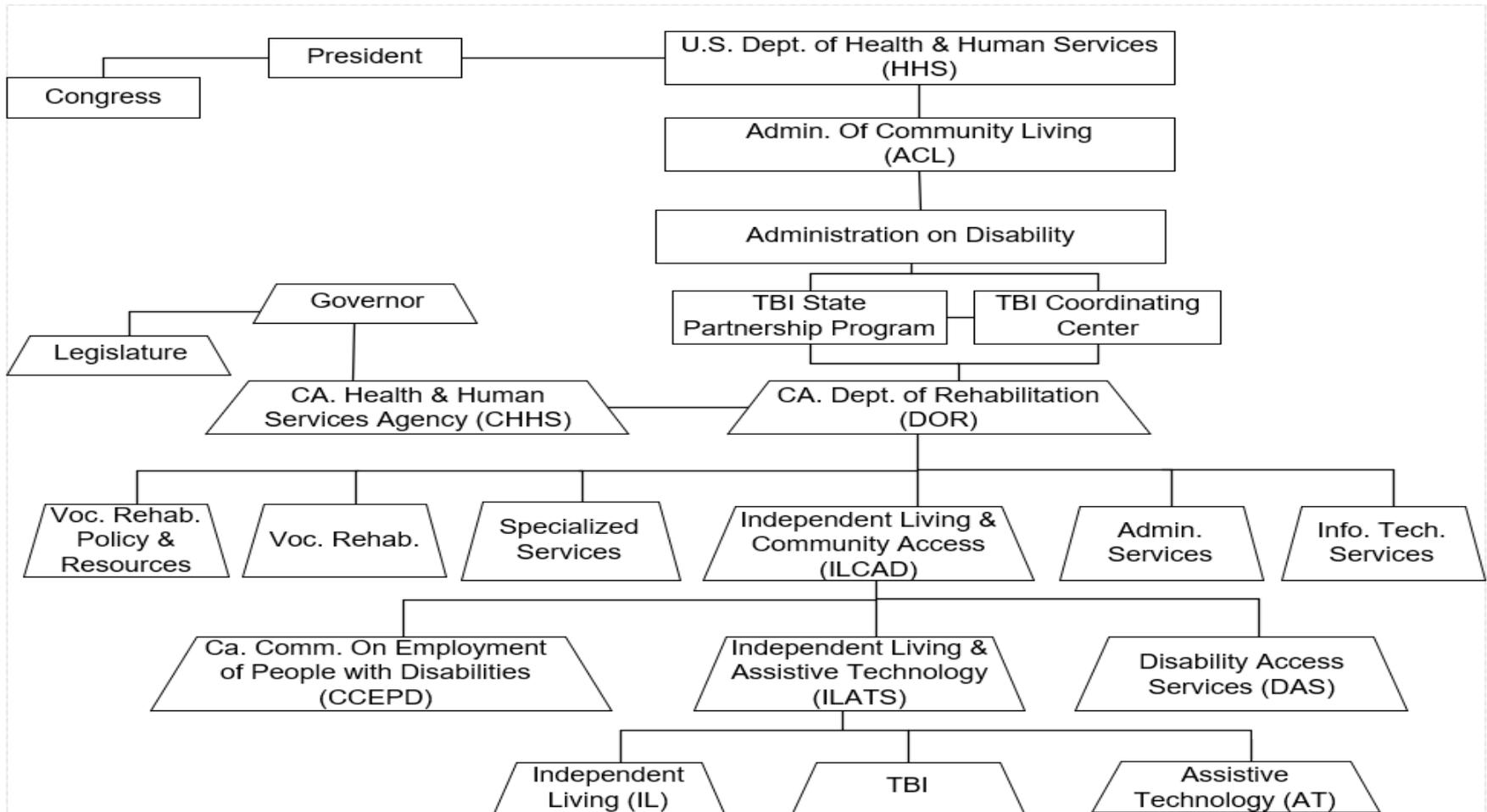
DOR Mission:

The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living and equality for individuals with disabilities.

FEDERAL AUTHORITY

- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 replaces the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and amends the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- Federal oversight for Vocational Rehabilitation Services is provided by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) under the U.S. Department of Education.
- Federal oversight for Independent Living Services is vested, as of 2014, in the Administration for Community Living (ACL) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Independent Living Services

DOR provides administrative oversight to Independent Living Centers (ILCs).

- 28 independent living centers in 65 locations
- Average of 20,000 individuals with disabilities served annually
- Average of 44,000 hours of community service, education, and advocacy provided annually

Independent Living Services

Philosophy of Independent Living:

- Self-help, self-advocacy, and self determination
- Equal access
- Individual and systems advocacy
- Integration and full inclusion in society for all persons with all types of disabilities.

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Traumatic Brain Injury Program

- 7 Traumatic Brain Injury Program sites supported at the DOR since 2010
- 20 of 58 counties served
- Over 900 individuals with traumatic brain injury receive direct services annually
- An average of over 7700 information and referral services to family members, caregivers, service providers and other community stakeholders.
- Historical funding \$150,000 per site, with recent exception of SFY 17-18 – 23% reduction
- Proposed Governor's Budget restores historical funding

Thank you!

Any Questions?

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