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## *About The Anne Sippi Clinics*

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Our clinics were named after one of our first clients, Anne Sippi, whose courageous struggle with her illness inspired many of those around her. We opened our Los Angeles facility in 1978 and our rural Kern County facility and outpatient clinic in 1996. In 2003, we opened our prevocational work site, *The Garden House Store*.

Our environments are operated by Drs. Michael Rosberg, Chess Brodnick, and CEO, Susan Rajlal. For more than 24 years, the Anne Sippi Clinics' treatment teams have developed a unique and accessible system of care and treatment designed to address the needs of the more difficult and underserved segment of the severely mentally ill. Our goal lies in helping individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to reduce their symptoms, improve the quality of their lives and regain a sense of productivity. Our specialized methods encompass treatments for psychotic and effective disorders, personality disorders, dual diagnoses (that include substance abuse) and other acute as well as long-term mental disorders.

The journey from confusion to productivity, self-empowerment and improved quality of life is an individualized journey that takes place within an integrated and open system of care. Our programs are flexible and exist within a comprehensive living environment that grows to accommodate the changing needs and goals of each individual. The Anne Sippi Clinic staff employs the latest technologies, methods and research protocols and combines this with the experience gained by over 25 years of care and treatment for the severe mentally ill.

ASC Adult Community Services  
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Community Living  
Support Services

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*A pilot project funded by Kern  
County Mental Health Department  
and The Anne Sippi Clinic*



## *What are ASC Community Living Support Services?*

The Anne Sippi Clinic is committed to assisting each person who comes for treatment to control their symptoms and to work toward the highest quality of life possible. For many this means returning to a greater level of independence and living successfully in the community with the identity of a student or worker rather than that of “patient.” Returning to the community can be a difficult process and, for this reason, Anne Sippi Clinic has created a continuum of services so that the individual can receive the services necessary for success wherever he/she is living. ASC Community Living Support Services is an important component in this support network. These services may be provided in the individual’s home.

The community living support services provided by Anne Sippi Clinic may include education and training in the following areas: meal planning, shopping, and budgeting skills; the management of finances, medication, and transportation; vocational and educational development; and the appropriate use of

community resources and leisure activities. The services may also include assistance with making arrangements to meet the individual's basic needs such as obtaining financial benefits, clothing, housing, and locating and scheduling appropriate medical, dental, and vision services.

- **How are these services funded?** For clients in the ASC Adult Community Services continuum, these services may be billed to MediCal with prior authorization from Kern County Mental Health Department.
- **Who is eligible?** Individuals who receive case management, psychiatric services, counseling and independent living skills training through ASC Adult Community Services may be eligible.
- **Where do the individuals in the community living support program reside?** The Anne Sippi Clinic assists individuals in the program to find and obtain appropriate housing once they have successfully completed the Independent Living Skills Program. Persons just moving from a facility may live in a shared home with other program participants or may live independently in an apartment.
- **How can I support this valuable program?** You can support community living support services and housing options for persons with disabilities by making a tax exempt donation to The Garden House Workshop, 30 “H” Street, Bakersfield, California 93304. The Garden House Store Workshop is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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## *AB 1425: A Community Living Support Services Bill is Law*

Anne Sippi Clinic staff are delighted that AB 1425 was signed into law on October 15, 2002. It codifies the right of persons with mental disabilities to live independently and receive support services in their home environment.

Former Assemblywoman Helen Thompson's office, worked tirelessly with Anne Sippi Clinic's staff,



Susan Rajlal and Darlene Prettyman for the two years it took to create the language in the bill and to build support with stakeholders throughout California. AB 1425 defines community living support services as those services that are voluntarily chosen by the disabled individual that will further that individual's goal of gaining greater independence. The disabled person may live in his or her own home and receive support services designed to develop and improve independent living and problem-solving skills.

AB 1425 was supported by NAMI - California, California Mental Health Directors Association, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, National Association of Social Workers, California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, the Republican Caucus, and the California Mental Health Association.