**James Huyck**

Jim Huyck has over 40 years of experience working with people with disabilities.

He began his career as a Senior Rehabilitation Counselor with the California Department of Rehabilitation, working with Regional Center clients. After 5 years, he was hired by the San Diego Community College District as a Counselor for the “Limited Learners” (Regional Center clients). He was promoted to Associate Dean of Special Education at the San Diego

Community College District where he served until he was recruited to Sacramento by the California Community College

Chancellor’s Office where he launched the Statewide Foundation for the California Community Colleges. During his tenure there he was successful in obtaining grants and contracts totaling over $17 million per year including funding from Apple and IBM to establish High Tech Centers for the Disabled at Community Colleges Statewide.

In 1995 he was hired as the Executive Director of Alta California Regional Center where he served for 10 years, managing a staff of over 300 employees and an annual budget of $175 million.

For the past 16 years he has been consulting and advocating for individuals with disabilities and their families to assist in accessing public benefits including Regional Center, SSI, SSDI, SSDI/CBD, MediCal, IHSS, Special Education, CCS, etc. He works closely with attorneys and Trustees as a Consultant regarding Special Needs Trust.