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In 2006, I joined a grassroots initiative to improve health outcomes for adults with developmental disabilities (DD). We formed the CART Collaborative to build the capacity of the health care system to serve transition age youth and adults through Clinical service, Advocacy, Research, and Training. We have made a lot of progress over the last decade.

The Office of Developmental Primary Care (ODPC) was established in 2007 to support the CART Collaborative. The ODPC is a program of the UCSF Department of Family and Community Medicine. From our inception, we have partnered with self-advocates, family members, service and health professionals. Collaboration is our strength.

The Office of Developmental Primary care is home to CART Services, a multidisciplinary, mobile health care consult team serving regional center clients in Northern California. Our team provides comprehensive consults, caregiver assessments, phone and email advice, and develops and disseminates tools, resources and training to make community living successful for everyone, including those with the most complex medical and behavioral needs. We also provide home-based primary care services for regional center clients with intensive needs residing in medical and behavioral group homes in the Bay Area. In addition to clinical services and workforce development, we work to improve access to care and policies and regulations, which promote health, stability, and inclusion.

Our program has grown and evolved and our partners have expanded. We remain true to the vision. Over the next years, we look forward to supporting our sustaining regional center partners, our foundation funders, and the health plans, families, and service providers, and clients who we serve. We are excited to partner with Far Northern, Golden Gate, and Redwood Coast regional centers, the WITH Foundation, Stupski Foundation, Marin Idea Fund, and Health Plan of San Mateo.

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