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Tony Anderson entered the field of developmental services in 1987 and began his career as a direct support professional in homes, day programs, and schools. He has served as a social worker and later became the Executive Director of a community non-profit that served over 120 people with developmental disabilities. He worked in the leadership for the Napa County Department of Health and Human Services and was appointed Deputy Director by Governor Gray Davis, responsible for Policy, Planning, and Government Relations at the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. He joined The Arc California in 2003 and served as Executive Director and principal lobbyist for the association. In this capacity, he served on numerous state and national boards and commissions and was the national president for the executive directors of the association and served two terms on the Board of Directors for The Arc of the United States. In 2017 he became the Executive Director of Valley Mountain Regional Center serving 20,000 people with developmental disabilities and their families. Today Mr. Anderson is the Associate Director and lobbyist for the California regional centers (ARCA) responsible for organizational leadership and strategic partnerships, community engagement in policymaking, and policy advocacy. Tony received his BA in Research Psychology and an MA in Organization Development from Sonoma State University, completed his graduate practicum at Stanford University and his executive leadership certification from University of Southern California as an official of the State.