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### Adult daycare centers, facing cutbacks, saved from total funding cutoff



After two years of being threatened with complete funding cutoffs from the state, some of California's adult day health care centers are finally seeing a ray of hope.

Medi-Cal-supported adult day health care centers, which currently attend to 35,000 elderly and disabled people during the day—providing medical help, socialization, and relief for family caregivers—had been targeted, amid statewide budget cuts, as one of Medi-Cal's largest general fund expenditures. But in the recent culmination of a lawsuit challenging the funding cutoff, the State's Department of Health Services has announced a new 2012 adult care program that will close some centers but allow others to stay open with continued state support.

“We had so many participants who every day cried,” said Corinne Jan, CEO of Family Bridges, a health agency which runs the two Hong Fook Adult Day Care Centers in downtown Oakland, recalling the long period of uncertainty about the centers' prospects. “They walked into the social worker's room asking, ‘What's going to happen to our future? What's going to happen to me?’”

Jan spoke in an office at Hong Fook, while out in the main commons, dozens of elderly patients sat around communal tables — chatting in their native Cantonese and Mandarin, receiving attentions from nurses taking their blood pressure, and mimicking the sedentary Bao Jian Cao exercises displayed on three wide screens in the room. Those too frail to extend their arms all the way out took a milder approach, by watching the others.

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