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Aaron Carruthers is the Executive Director of the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities. He has worked in civil rights policy and programs for over twenty-five years, including as an appointee of two Governors, for California's Attorney General, and in the State Senate and Assembly.

Aaron is currently carrying out the Council's goals: health, home, and work. This includes phasing out subminimum wage and creating a statewide Employment First Office. Last year, SCDD's work impacted more than 5.9 million Californians and it was named "Employer of the Year" for people with disabilities.

Aaron is a child of parents with developmental and other disabilities, is a person with disabilities, and is the parent of young man with disabilities. He is a graduate of the National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities and was a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs.