



PRIMARY REFERRAL SOURCE

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Name: _____
 Agency: _____
 Telephone: (____) _____
 Name of Infant: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Parents: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City and Zip Code: _____
 Telephone: (____) _____

My signature below indicates that the brochure, "COULD YOUR BABY BENEFIT FROM EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES?" was given to me and explained to me by the person whose name is above.

(Check one)

- I will call for a referral right away.
- I would like the person above to make the referral call for me. My signature authorizes the person to provide information about my child to Ventura County Early Start.
- I do not wish to make a referral now, but I understand I may call at any time.

Signed: _____ (parents)

Date: _____

Primary Referral Source retains this portion.



PARENT'S RECORD

Name of person who gave you this brochure:

Agency: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Date: _____

Decision made by me:

- Call for a referral right away.
- The person above will call for me.
- I do not wish to make a referral right now but I understand I may call at any time.

Whether or not you would like a referral, if you would like to talk with another parent of a child with special needs, call **Rainbow Connection Family Resource Center** at 1-800-332-3679 or (805) 485-9643.

If you have questions or concerns about the Early Start Program. Call (805) 485-3177 Ext. 0.

Quarterly Meetings about Early Start:

ICC in Partnership with Help Me Grow
 c/o Ventura County SELPA
 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, CA 93012
 (805) 437-1560 Fax: (805) 437-1599
www.vcselpa.org

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SERVICES

Types of services which may be appropriate may include, but are not limited to:

Infant Services

- ☺ Developmental Intervention
- ☺ Hearing and Vision Services
- ☺ Speech and Language Development
- ☺ Occupational or Physical Therapy
- ☺ Behavioral Consultation
- ☺ Oral Motor Development
- ☺ Group Services
- ☺ Home-based Services

Family Services

- ☺ Parental support and counseling
- ☺ Assistance with referrals to other social services
- ☺ Assistance with entry into appropriate educational programs at age 3

Families who have health insurance may be required to use their benefits (including any necessary co-payments) for some therapies.



VENTURA COUNTY EARLY START



Program for Infants and Toddlers (from birth up to 36 months) and their families

COULD YOUR BABY BENEFIT FROM EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES?



Services available to the infant and family are coordinated in cooperation with community agencies, including the infant development programs, Children's Medical Services, intensive care nurseries, Tri-Counties Regional Center, Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area, Behavioral Health and Public Health Departments. The project coordinates the skills of community professionals and works with the family in providing a comprehensive, individual plan for services.



YOUR BABY'S DEVELOPMENT

The age span at which children develop can vary among individuals. However, if you, your doctor, or another person is **concerned** about any of the areas listed below, you might want to consider a referral for Early Intervention Services.

Social - emotions, behavior with others

Self-Help - activities of daily living

Physical - vision, hearing and gross/fine motor

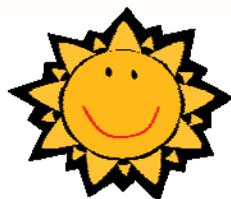
Communication - pre-speech, speech and language

Cognitive - thinking and problem-solving

To be eligible for Early Start, a child must have one of the following:

- Developmental Delays (or)
- A condition known to cause a developmental delay

WE CAN HELP
YOU GET STARTED



HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES... AND THEN WHAT?

YOUR FIRST CALL SHOULD BE TO:

If you live in Ventura County: Early Start Intake Representative, Tri-Counties Regional Center, at (805) 485-3177 ext 0, or at 1-800-664-3177.

www.tri-counties.org

If you live in North Los Angeles County: Early Start Intake Representative, North Los Angeles County Regional Center, at (818) 778-1900.

1. The Intake Representative will ask you some questions about your child, so it will be helpful to have family records at hand.
2. Within a few days, you will receive a letter indicating the name of the service coordinator who will be your contact person for the next 45 days. You may call this person at anytime if you have concerns.
3. Next, an appointment will be made for a visit in your home, or at another location as you choose.
4. The Service Coordinator & possibly another specialist will meet with you to discuss your concerns and priorities for your child. The Coordinator will also spend some time with your child to determine his/her strengths and needs. It will help the eligibility process to have your child's medical records and other documents available.
5. If your child is found eligible for Early Start services, all the possible services will be explained to you. You and your Service Coordinator will plan for your Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) Meeting - (who to invite, services to be considered, etc.). You will decide on a place and time to hold the IFSP.
6. If your child is eligible, within 45 days of your call, the IFSP Meeting will be held. We will work with you to develop a plan for services for your baby that fits your family's needs.
7. Services begin as soon as possible. Your Service Coordinator will be your main contact for updates and changes in your baby's program. If at any time you choose **not** to continue services, just let us know.
8. If your child is determined to be not eligible for Early Start services, you will receive written notice. The notice will include your rights to appeal the decision.



If your child has a Low Incidence Disability (Deaf, Visual Impairment, Orthopedic Impairment) SELPA has 4 regionalized programs for infants with Low Incidence Disability:

- Conejo Valley Unified School District
- Simi Valley Unified School District
- Oxnard School District
- Ventura Unified School District

If your child has a LI Disability Tri-Counties Regional Center will send the intake information to the district. A district representative will contact you to initiate services through the school.

