

The following documents are available regarding the Early Start Program.

- “Can Your Baby Benefit from Early Intervention Services?” Brochure (English and Spanish)
- “What’s Next After Early Start?” Booklet (English and Spanish)
- “All About Me” Family Resource Notebook (English and Spanish)
- “Community Resources for Families of Young Children” Booklet (English and Spanish)
- “Sensory Issues and Needs of Children in Early Start” Brochure (English and Spanish)

Contact your Early Start Service Coordinator for any of the above documents.



State Agencies for

EARLY START:

California Department of Education

P. O. Box 944272
Sacramento, CA 94244-2720

Phone: 916-445-4613
Email: www.cde.ca.gov

California Department of Developmental Services

P. O. Box 944202
Sacramento, CA 94244-2020

Phone: 800-515-BABY
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The Ventura County SELPA

www.venturacountyselpa.com

EARLY START PROGRAM

School-based infant services for children 0-3 with special needs



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Services provided by school-based infant programs are determined by the **Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) Process**

The process includes intake, assessment and program planning based on family strengths and needs.

Children with the following disabilities may be eligible:

- Developmental delays
- Established risk for developmental delays

The initial referrals are made to the Tri-Counties or North Los Angeles County Regional Center. The schools serve **all** children with only these disabilities:

- Deafness/hard of hearing
- Visually impaired
- Severe orthopedic impairments

The schools provide all Early Start services for these children.

The Schools will “**dually serve**” children with Tri-Counties Regional Center according to the following priorities *up to* funded capacity:

- Children who need vision or hearing services
- Children with multiple handicaps

The schools will provide special education and related services for these children. The Regional Center provides other Early Start services.

Family Supports

Rainbow Family Connection – (805) 485-9643
2401 E. Gonzales Rd., STE 100
Oxnard, CA 93036

School-based infant services are provided by a transdisciplinary team.

Services are provided in the home, community and play group settings. Professionals collaborate with families and each other to provide integrated services in natural environments.



There are four School District Geographic Teams which serve children from Ventura County and the Las Virgenes Unified School District

Oxnard Region – (805) 487-3918

- Joanne Abhold – Director of Special Education
- Elizabeth McClelland– Early Childhood Special Educator
- Angelica Mulvihill– Speech/Language Specialist
- Joy Garza, M.A.– Vision Specialist
- Lisa Fischinger– Orientation/Mobility Specialist
- Rachel McClanahan, R.N., B.B.N.– Coordinator-Health and Nursing Services
- Krista Minnis, O.T.R./L– Occupational Therapist
- Emily Sellers, M.S., N.C.S.P., B.C.B.A.– School Psychologist
- Soonhyang Lee, D.P.T.– Physical Therapist

Ventura Region – (805) 672-2705 ext. 2213

- Robin Faigin, M.Ed.– Director of Specialized Student Support Services
- Karly Stern, M.A.– Early Childhood Special Educator
- Larin Wilson, Erica Mattesich – Speech/Language Specialist
- Launce Walker, M.A.– Early Childhood Special Educator and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Specialist
- Adam Berry– Vision Specialist
- Debbie Lackey– Orientation/Mobility Specialist
- Deborah Gennaro– Nurse
- Krista Minnis, O.T.R./L– Occupational Therapist
- Vanessa Perez, M.S. – School Psychologist
- Soonhyang Lee, D.P.T.– Physical Therapist

Conejo Region – (805) 497-9511, ext. 221

- Margaret Saleh, M.Ed.– Director of Special Education
- Elsa Nanson– Early Start Coordinator
- Raelynne Lorenz, M.A., C.C.C.– Early Childhood Special Educator and Speech/Language Specialist
- Terry Keyson– Vision Specialist
- Lisa Fischinger– Orientation/Mobility Specialist
- Lisa Snyder, R.N.– Nurse
- Jenny Kreitman, O.T.R./L– Occupational Therapist
- Susan Kunz, MS – School Psychologists
- Soonhyang Lee, D.P.T.- Physical Therapist



Simi Region – (805) 520-6191

- Bill Himelright – Director of Special Education
- Vin Bennett, M.A., Keisha Carroll, M.A., Rama Dasu, M.A.– Early Childhood Special Educators
- Karen Moos, M.A.– Speech/Language Specialist
- Vicki Garrison– Deaf/Hard of Hearing Specialist
- Angela DeSantis – Vision Specialist
- Polly Vlastic, R.N., B.S.N., C.S.N. – Nurse
- Jenny Kreitman, O.T.R./L– Occupational Therapist
- Erin MacIntyre, M.S., P.P.S. Credential – School Psychologist
- Lisa Fischinger– Orientation/Mobility Specialist
- Soonhyang Lee, D.P.T.– Physical Therapist

Available for consult to all Regions:

- Pat Mertens Schulz, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Cochlear Implant Specialist
- Sarah Scheerger, LCSW, P.P.S., Mental Health/Behavior Specialist