

**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](http://www.cde.ca.gov)

***California Department of Developmental Services***

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

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**The Ventura County SELPA**

[www.venturacountyselfpa.com](http://www.venturacountyselfpa.com)

**EARLY START PROGRAM**

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



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*(PL 105-17) Part “C”*



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 or high 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

Norma Del Rio – 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  
Marie-Noelle Poulin, 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.E.D.– Director of Specialized Student Support Services  
Karly Stern, M.A.– Early Childhood Special Educator  
Larin Wilson, Erica Mattesich – Speech/Language Specialist  
Launice Walker, M.A.– Early Childhood Special Educator and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Specialist  
Adam Berry– Vision Specialist  
Lisa Fischinger– Orientation/Mobility Specialist  
Jennifer Partmann– Nurse  
Marie-Noelle Poulin, 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  
Alyson Beck, 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  
Jean Borowsky, R.N., B.S.N., P.H.N., Health & Development Credential– Nurse  
Elaine Kealer, O.T.R./L– Occupational Therapist  
Pat Madden, M.A., L.E.P., M.S.– School Psychologist  
Angela DeSantis – Vision Specialist  
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 Sheerger, LCSW, Mental Health/Behavior Specialist