

EARLY START NEWSLETTER

July 1, 2022



The Early Start program is California's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Early Start services are available statewide and are provided in a coordinated, family-centered system.



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Contact Us

DDS Early Start mailbox:

earlystart@dds.ca.gov

BabyLine: **800-515-BABY (2229)**

Upcoming Events and Activities



Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention (ICC) July In-Person Meeting

Day 1: Thurs. July 14, 2022: 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM (PST)

Day 2: Friday July 15, 2022: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM (PST)

LOCATION: Department of Developmental Services
1215 O St., Sacramento, CA 95814
California Room, 110A

For more information on the ICC, visit:

[State Interagency Coordinating Council \(ICC\) on Early Intervention Overview - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)

SEPTEMBER

NICU Awareness Month

nicuawareness.org

Newborn Screening Awareness Month

[Newborn Screening Awareness Month | Baby's First Test | Newborn Screening | Baby Health](#)



EARLY START LOCAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS 2020-2021

The Department of Developmental Services has posted the Early Start Local Performance Report on our website. Please follow the link below to access the reports and to view our new interactive dashboard!

[Early Start State Performance Reports - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)

Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) offer additional support to families including, but not limited to, parent-to-parent support trainings, workshops and conferences, resources and information, referrals to services, and transition assistance at age 3.

FRC Family Success Story



“I did three sessions of CRM (Community Resiliency Model) with a mom from our Regional Center, Early Start referral. Her child had recently been diagnosed with Autism. We met a few times over the phone and went over the CRM skills, discussing how she could apply them to her current situation. After just two phone call meetings, she expressed a huge shift in her home after using CRM skills on herself and with her family. Her home went from very stressful and chaotic to having a sense of peace, understanding and control.”



Family Resource Center Network of CA

The Family Resource Center Network of CA (FRCNCA) ensures that staff at Early Start Family Resource Centers are given access to professional development and connections with professionals in the field.

[Family Resource Centers Network of California \(frcnca.org\)](http://frcnca.org)

RESOURCES

A new open-access course is now available! This training is a free, self-paced online course.

Topic: Transition from Early Start

Register here:

[Transition from Early Start \(Open Access\) \(cpeionline.net\)](http://cpeionline.net)

You can find current **COVID-19 resources** on the DDS website. Visit [Coronavirus Information and Resources - CA](#) Department of [Developmental Services](#)

Visit Our Website to Find Family Resource Centers by County:

[Regional Center Early Start Intake and Family Resource Centers - CA](#)
Department of [Developmental Services](#)

NEW AND UPDATED EARLY START OUTREACH MATERIALS

The Department of Developmental Services is proud to share some new and updated Early Start outreach materials on our website! You can find them by following this link:

[Early Start Publications and Outreach Materials Resources and Resources for Families, Parents & Caregivers](#)