

Taking the First Step

The Early Start program provides services and supports that can help your child. If you are concerned about your child's development, the first step is to refer your child for evaluation and assessment.

How to Begin

With a call to Early Intervention, you can begin getting answers to your questions. By working closely with you and your family, your early intervention team of professionals can help by recognizing your concerns, identifying your needs, and suggesting resources and a course of action.

Who Can Refer

You can refer your child or you can request that another professional such as your child's primary health care provider, daycare provider or nanny, or other agency representative make the referral for you. You will be assigned an Early Intervention Service Coordinator who will help you through the process.

How to Make the Referral

Call today and speak to our Warm Line Coordinator at 1-800-646-3268 or visit our website www.nbrc.net



**If you have concerns
about your child's
development, call:**

**EARLY START WARM LINE
1-800-6 INFANT**
(1-800-646-3268)
Se Habla Español

**In Sonoma County,
call 707-755-5113**

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NORTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER

Napa/Solano County
610 Airpark Rd
Napa, CA 94558
707-256-1100

Sonoma County
2351 Mendocino Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 94503
707-569-2000



**The period from
birth to three
years of age is a
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Who is eligible?

EARLY START services are available to families of infants and toddlers from birth to age 3 with one (or more) of the following conditions:

- Born with a condition which has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay, such as Down Syndrome, OR . . .
- A significant (33%) age delay in at least ONE developmental area: communication, gross/fine motor, social/emotional, self-help, and/or cognitive skills . . .
- Or have a combination of two or more high risk factors . . .
- Or severe vision, hearing or orthopedic impairments.

More information at www.dds.ca.gov/EarlyStart/home.

Why Start So Young?

Intervention in the first three years of life can make a big difference in a child's development. Research shows that early intervention:

- Improves both developmental and educational outcomes.
- Reduces the future costs of special education, rehabilitation, and health care needs.
- Reduces feelings of stress, isolation, and frustration within the family.

What Services are Availa-



ble?

Services are based on the professional assessment of the child's needs and outcomes. Services may include:

- Evaluations/Assessments
- Speech and language services
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Infant development
- Service coordination
- Psychological services
- Audiology evaluation
- Parent education and support

How Much Does This Cost?

An enrollment fee may be required for eligible children depending on family income. Some services may be funded through your insurance. Early Start is a state and federally funded program managed by state agencies, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

