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Early Start Family Resource Centers: The Heart of Early Start

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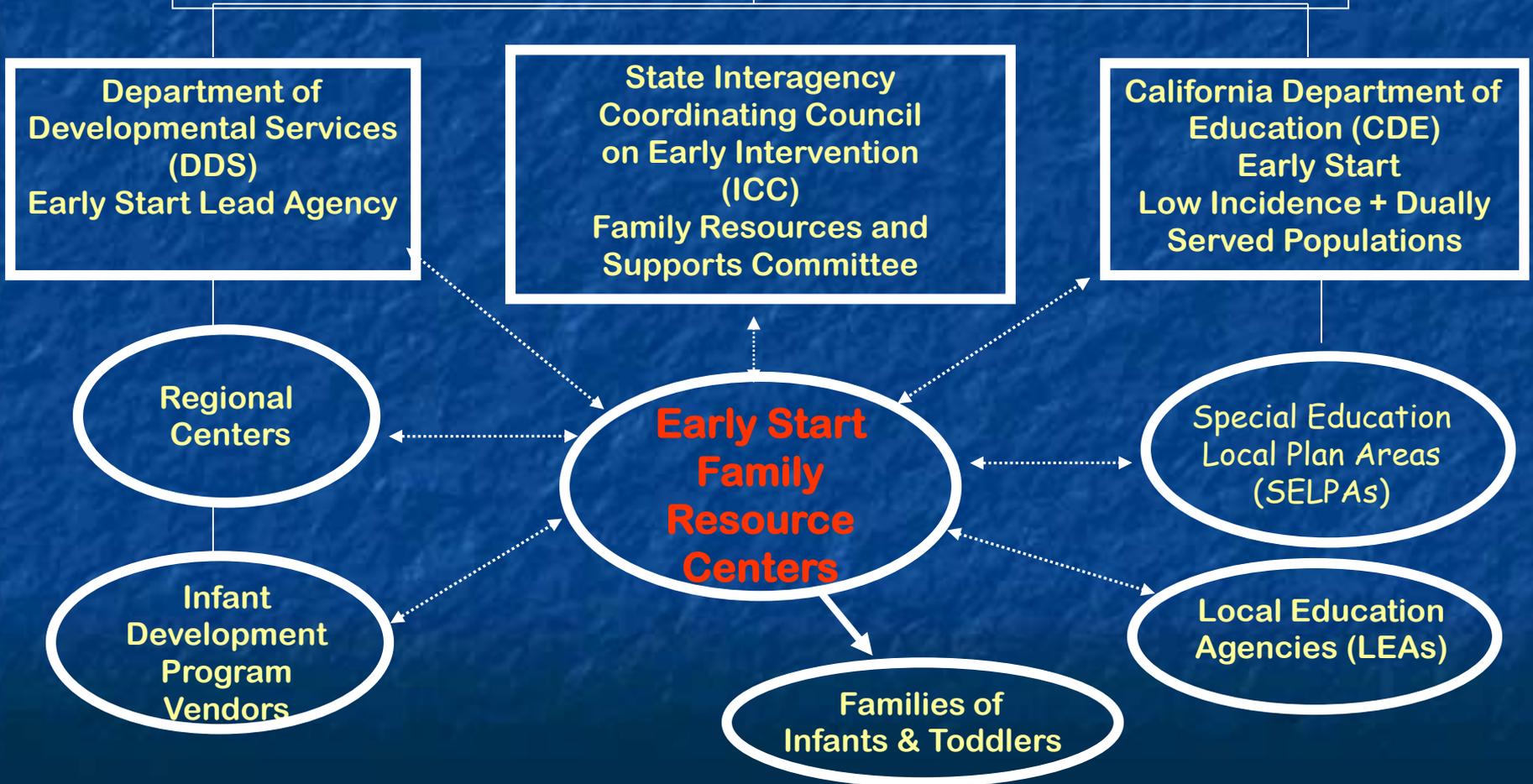
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California Early Start Family Support Services

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Nationwide Part C Implementation



Family Centeredness



California Early Start Facts at a Glance



*for Infants
and
Toddlers
with
Disabilities
and Their
Families*

Demand

Early Start
served 30,538
in fiscal year
2013-2014



California Early Start Overview

CALIFORNIA

EARLY START

Which children are eligible?



Infants and toddlers
from birth to 36
months may be
eligible if.....

have a 33% developmental delay in one or more areas of development...



- cognitive
- communication
- social or emotional
- adaptive
- physical and motor development including vision and hearing



or

have an established risk condition of known etiology, with a high probability of resulting in delayed development.



or

Are children with solely low incidence disabilities.



How are children referred?

- Self referral
- Physician referral
- Other professionals



What happens after a referral?

Within 45 days the regional center or local education area shall:

■ Assign a service coordinator



- Obtain parent consent for evaluation.



- Schedule and complete evaluations and assessments.

■ Develop an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY SERVICES MANUAL

APPENDIX C

SERVING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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IFSP SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

Service	Provider	Start Date	Location/ Most Natural Environment	Frequency/ Intensity	Cost to Family/ Payment Arrangement	Anticipated Duration	Date Ended	Parent/ Coordinative Agency Signature

Child's Name _____

Record Number _____

Agency Code _____

Section Number V- 1 _____

- Identify early intervention services to be provided in the family home or other community settings.



Who provides services?

- Purchased or arranged by a regional center or a local education agency.
- Family Resource Centers provided family support services.



How much does it cost?

No cost to families for most services

Family Cost

Participation Program

- Camping
- Respite
- Day care



How do I find out more?

- Regional Center
- Local Education Agency
- Early Start Family Resource Center
- (800) 515-BABY
- earlystart@dds.ca.gov



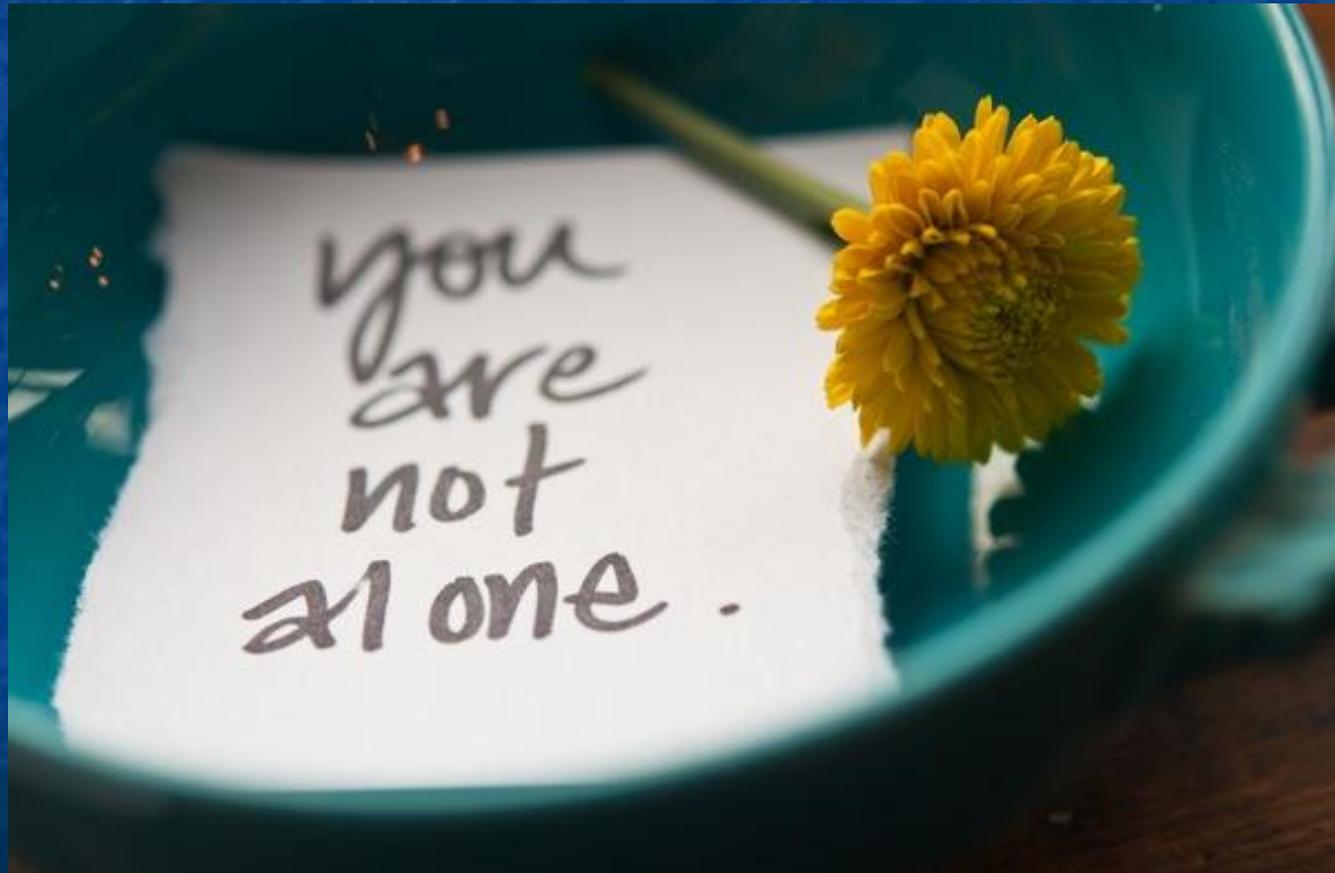
Early Start FRCs – Facts at a Glance

All Early Start Family
Resource Centers
serve families of children
birth to three

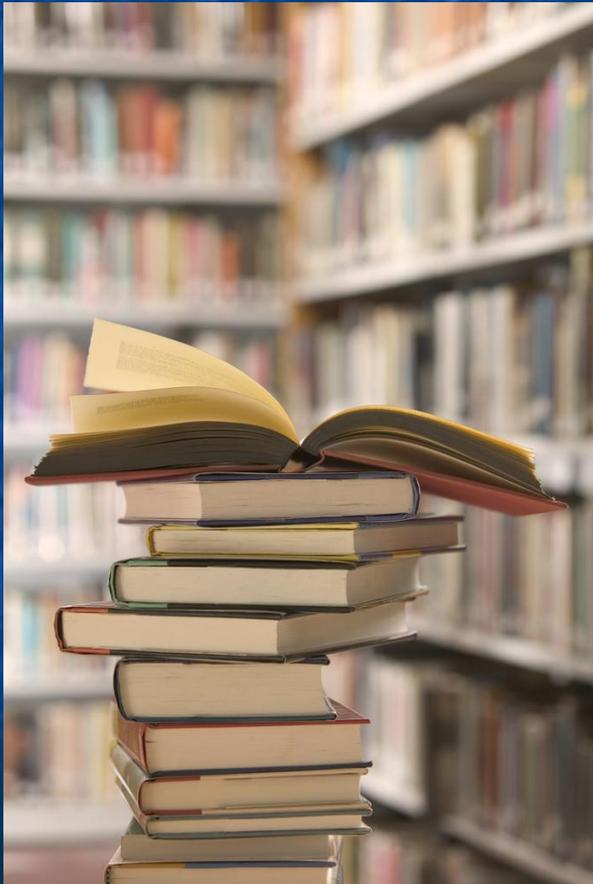
Early Start FRC Services



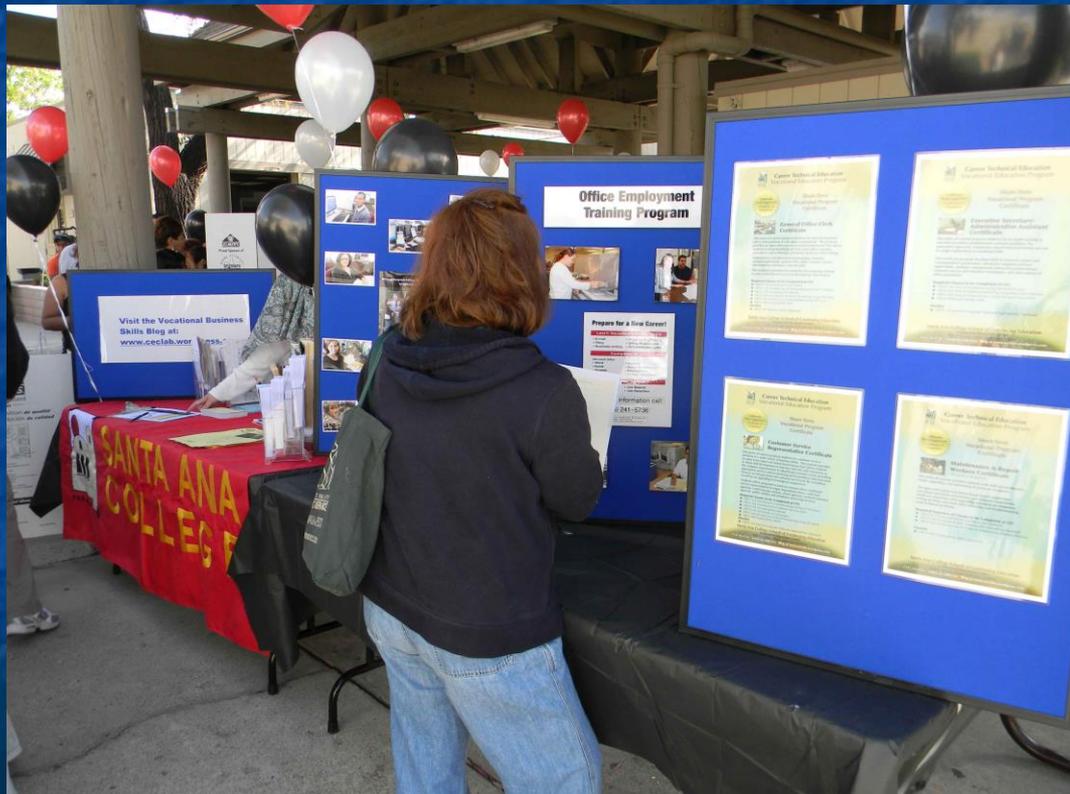
1 - Parent to Parent Support



2 - Information and Referral



3 - Public Awareness & Outreach



4 - Family / Professional Collaboration



5- Transition at Age Three



Anatomy of a contact

- Referral / Initial Contact
- Services offered
- Follow up



Parent to Parent Matches



- Determine issue for which parent would like match
- Match with trained parent volunteer



- Utilize statewide network of Early Start FRCs to locate match
- Use other parent matching organizations

ESFRC Variables

- Location / Size
- Staffing
- How services are provided
- Other funding streams

Other Parent Organizations

FAMILY VOICES
of CALIFORNIA

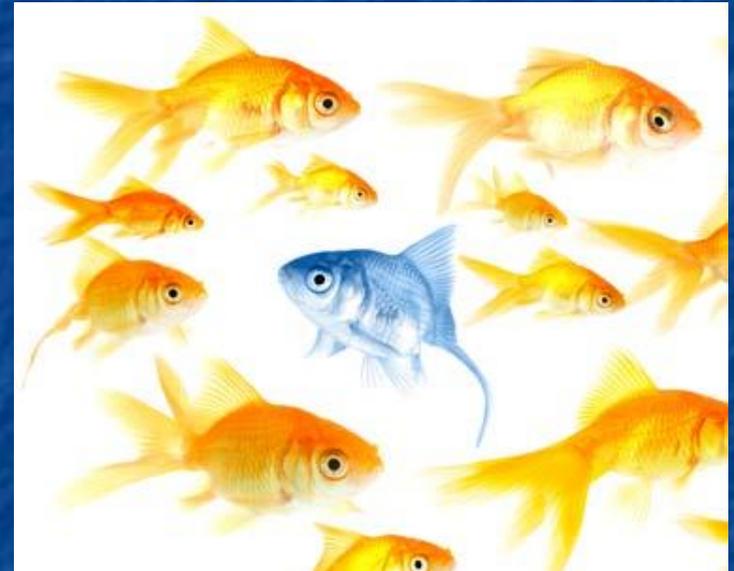
**Parent Training and
Information Centers
(PTI)**

**Empowered
Parents in
California Coalition
(EPICC)**

**Community Parent
Resource Centers
(CPRC)**

Other Family Resource Centers

- Generic term
- Differences
- Focus
- Target population
- Philosophy
- Scope of service





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