



Early Intervention

Early Start to Preschool



Early Intervention...

- ▶ Is the term used to describe the services and supports that are available to babies and young children with developmental delays and disabilities, and their families.
 - ▶ Can have a significant impact on a child's ability to learn new skills and overcome challenges, and can increase success in school and life.
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Referral Sources

- ▶ Parent
 - ▶ Pediatrician
 - ▶ Daycare/Preschool Teacher
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Areas of Delay/Concern

Concerns may be in one or more areas:

- ▶ Motor Development
 - ▶ Examples: child demonstrates delays in gross and fine motor skills, such as walking, balance, running, grasp, drawing
- ▶ Social/Emotional Development
 - ▶ Examples: child demonstrates difficulty with turn taking, may prefer to play alone, shows extreme emotional responses to everyday situations
- ▶ Cognitive Development
 - ▶ Examples: child demonstrates delays in learning concepts expected for their age like recognizing colors, counting, limited functional or pretend play skills
- ▶ Adaptive Behavior
 - ▶ Examples: child demonstrates delays in self help skills such as dressing, toileting, and eating
- ▶ Communication
 - ▶ Examples: child does not have the expected number of words for their age, does not understand directions, or does not pronounce words clearly (based on their developmental level)



Early Start

North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC)

- From birth-3rd birthday
- 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.
- Eligible children: high risk, established risk or have delays in communication, motor, cognition, socio-emotional or adaptive skills
- Focus of service is on the family and child



Preschool

Newhall School District

- After 3rd Birthday
 - Specific eligibility categories for conditions that significantly impact a child's education
 - Assessment conducted in the area(s) of need and suspected disability which may include a multidisciplinary team evaluation
 - Focus of services is on the child (student)
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Services

Based on needs of the child

Early Start

- ▶ Speech & Language Therapy
- ▶ Child Development Therapy
- ▶ Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Physical Therapy
- ▶ Behavioral Services
- ▶ Respite
- ▶ Parent Education

School Based

- ▶ Speech & Language Therapy
- ▶ Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Adapted Physical Education
- ▶ Physical Therapy
- ▶ Specialized Academic Instruction
- ▶ Behavioral Supports/Services

Child Find

Child Find is a legal requirement for all school districts to locate and identify all children who have disabilities and need special education services.

- ▶ Santa Clarita Valley SELPA website encourages anyone who suspects a child of having a disability to contact us.
 - ▶ <https://scvselpa.org>

Do You Know a Child with Special Needs?



Special education programs are available to all eligible students with disabilities from birth to age 22, including infants and children in private schools.



District Collaborations

- ▶ Collaboration with the North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC)
 - ▶ Santa Clarita Valley SELPA Early Intervention Transition Specialist who attends meetings as a representative for the local school districts
 - ▶ Notified about all 2 year olds receiving early intervention services prior to turning 3, so that the district is able to assess and identify without disruption to services
 - ▶ Supporting students and families through the transition process from Regional Center services to school based services.
- ▶ Collaboration with community daycare centers/preschools
 - ▶ Interviews with child's current daycare/preschool teacher
 - ▶ Observations of child while they attend the daycare/preschool



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