

## EARLY START VISION STATEMENT

*Families who have young children with disabilities are valued, educated, and supported. Children received the services needed to reach their highest potential. They are connected to needed resources and feel welcome participating in their community.*

## MAKE A REFERRAL

Anyone can **make a referral by calling 530-532-5740** and speaking with the secretary or an Early Start staff member.



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**Home and Community Based  
Early Intervention**



**"WE BELIEVE THE PRIMARY  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING OF  
CHILDREN LIES WITHIN THE FAMILY;  
THEREFORE, WE INVEST IN FAMILIES BY  
PROVIDING SUPPORT AND EDUCATION,  
BUILD ON THEIR STRENGTHS AND  
CAPACITIES, AND FOSTER THE HEALTHY  
DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN."**



## WHO WE SERVE:

Butte County Office of Education's Early Start Program provides a variety of services to eligible infants and toddlers aged birth to three and their families throughout Butte County.

Eligible children include those who are experiencing developmental delays or who have a condition that is an established risk for developmental delays. Children with "low incidence" disabilities are also eligible; such as children with hearing impairments, vision impairments and orthopedic impairments.

## WHO WE ARE:

We are a transdisciplinary team of credentialed Early Intervention specialists that provide services based on the needs and priorities of the child and their family. Services may include:

- developmental program
- speech and language therapy
- occupational therapy
- deaf and of hearing services
- vision services
- assistive technology services
- services for students with physical disabilities including physical therapy
- case management

## WHAT WE DO:

Staff provides special instruction that focuses on promoting caregiver-child interactions and supporting caregivers in learning new strategies that enhance the child's development and participation in the activities and routines of everyday life.

- Conduct functional assessments across all domains (cognition, communication, social-emotional, adaptive and motor development) to determine eligibility, document strengths, and assist with instructional strategy development.
- Develop specialized instructional strategies that enhance development and learning.
- Support families with utilizing strategies and adapting daily activities and routines in a way that promotes learning for their child.
- Use effective teaming practices to collaborate with families and other professionals both within and across agencies.
- Provide supported opportunities in the community for the child and family to participate in developmental activities with typically developing peers.

## QUESTIONS ?

### Where are services provided?

Services are typically provided in the child's home but can occur in other settings such as in the community or at daycare.

### How often do services occur?

Frequency of services is based on the needs of the child and family but generally occurs weekly.

### Does this service cost money?

No. Early Start services are provided as part of Federal and State requirements and government funds are utilized.

### What about other agencies?

Early Start works collaboratively with several other agencies such as the Regional Center and California Children's Services (CCS).

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