

# Community Representatives

## Roles and Responsibilities

The ICC Chair appoints Community Representatives to the ICC, whereas, the Governor appoints ICC Members. Although Community Representatives are considered non-voting members, their participation enriches the overall outcome of the ICC's charge to provide advice and assistance to DDS. DDS is the lead agency responsible for implementation and maintenance of the statewide system of early intervention services for children eligible under Part C of IDEA, known as Early Start in California.

Community Representatives provide the increased participation of parents, providers and other interested parties. Community Representatives also provide ethnic diversity, wide geographical representation, and community involvement. Community Representatives serve on the ICC based on interest and/or expertise related to California's Early Start system and other services for children birth to three years of age.

Community Representative Responsibilities include:

- regular participation at ICC meetings,
- participation in additional Early Start related activities as their schedule permits,
- sharing information from the ICC with local communities, and
- gathering information related to ICC priorities from local communities that is shared with the ICC

There are also parent representatives on the ICC who represent families throughout California. They have the responsibility to be in contact with families across California, and across disability, income, education, ethnic and racial groups. Parent representatives may do this through contact with established formal and informal parent groups, as well as through contact with individual families or the family resource center in their community.