

EARLY START NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1, 2022



WHAT IS EARLY START?

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.

INTRODUCING THE EARLY START NEWSLETTER

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is introducing a new Early Start Program quarterly newsletter! This newsletter will contain information on upcoming Early Start events, resources and other important material for families, regional centers, and service providers.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EARLY START PROGRAM

- Visit the [Early Start Page](#)
- Frequently Asked Questions: [FAQs](#)
- View [Resources for Families, Parents & Caregivers](#)
- For questions or concerns please email the DDS Early Start mailbox at earlystart@dds.ca.gov or call the BabyLine at **800-515-BABY (2229)**

UPCOMING EARLY START ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

TRAINING FOR PROVIDERS

**California Early Start Network
Video Conference
May 19, 2022, 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

Meaningful, compliant, & culturally competent IFSPs
([click here to register](#))

Early Start Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

The council is comprised of parents of children with disabilities, early intervention service providers, health care professionals, state agency representatives, and others interested in early intervention.

The ICC encourages a family-centered approach, family-professional partnerships, and interagency collaboration, while providing a forum for public input.

For more information on the ICC:
[ICC Overview](#)

Virtual Early Start Partners Symposium

DETAILS COMING SOON

[Home - Early Start Neighborhood \(ning.com\)](#)

April 21 & 22, 2022

Virtual International Pediatric Feeding Disorder Conference

Educational sessions, updates on research, and collaboration opportunities between healthcare providers and families of children with Pediatric Feeding Disorder (PFD)

[PFD Conference: Feeding Disorder Treatments - Feeding Matters](#)

April 26-28, 2022

Virtual Developmental Disabilities Public Policy Conference

This conference features nationally known speakers and empowers and educates attendees to become advocates for individuals with disabilities in California.

[CONFERENCE \(thearcca.org\)](#)

APRIL

California Autism Awareness Month

[Bill Text - SCR-69 California Autism Awareness Month.](#)

MAY

Drowning Prevention Month

[Drowning Prevention: CA Department of Developmental Services](#)

June

National Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Awareness Month

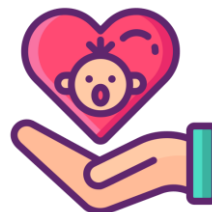
[National Cytomegalovirus \(CMV\) Awareness Month | CDC](#)

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES



Educational Apps

Download these apps for kids, even without Wi-Fi access at home! [Search Apps](#)



Parent's Guide to Choosing Child Care-Tip Sheet

Resources to help select a licensed childcare facility for your children [Fact Sheet](#)

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Click the link below to find information about ordering your tests today at [COVIDTests.gov](#)



Sesame Street Songs in American Sign Language

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