

**Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services (service code 116)**  
**Individuals birth to 36 months**

A regional center shall classify an individual as an Early Start Therapeutic Services provider if the person provides services for individuals aged birth to 36 months who require specialized services, as deemed necessary based on informed clinical opinion. These services must be identified in the Individualized Family Service Plan. Early Start specialized therapeutic services include, but are not limited to: services necessary to increase or maintain health and/or developmental progress; and, when provided as ancillary to these services, family and/or individual education and training; family support and counseling; provider travel; interagency consultation; and consultation with and training for other involved professionals. Vendors shall be individuals offering these services, and shall ensure possession of licenses, certifications and/or credentials as required by the State of California to practice in the field being offered. In addition, the vendor shall have, at a minimum, one year of experience working with persons with developmental disabilities.