

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CENTER SERVICES

Program	Early Start	Provisional Lanterman	Lanterman
Ages	0-3 years	0-5 years	Any age
Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a developmental delay of at least 25% in one or more areas of cognitive, communication, social or emotional, adaptive, or physical and motor development including vision and hearing <li style="text-align: center;">-or- • Have an established risk condition of known etiology, with a high probability of resulting in delayed development <li style="text-align: center;">-or- • At high risk of having a substantial developmental disability due to a combination of biomedical risk factors of which are diagnosed by qualified personnel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability is not solely physical in nature • Significant functional limitations in at least 2 major life activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Self-care ○ Receptive and expressive language ○ Learning ○ Mobility ○ Self-direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual disability (ID), autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and/or other disability that closely resembles ID and/or individual requires similar services • Originates prior to age 18 and is lifelong • "Substantial disability" - significant functional limitations in 3 or more areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Self-care ○ Receptive and expressive language ○ Learning ○ Mobility ○ Self-direction ○ Capacity for independent living ○ Economic self-sufficiency

The criteria for determining eligibility for infants and toddlers for Early Start services is specified in [Section 95014 of the California Government Code](#). Eligibility criteria for Lanterman Act and Provisional Lanterman Act services are specified in [Sections 4512\(a\)\(1\) and 4512\(a\)\(2\) of the California Welfare and Institutions Code](#).

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