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Matthew Bahr, Executive Director
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Dear Matthew Bahr:

This letter is to convey the results of the Department of Developmental Services' (Department) review of the Early Start Program at Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC). This review was conducted through the Department's Self-Assessment Monitoring (SAM) system June 9, 2025, through July 29, 2025, to ensure that California meets Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements.

CVRC completed a self-assessment review of 90 records. This consisted of 45 regular records and 45 transition records. The Department verified the documentation and compliance for each of the 90 records. The following items were subsequently cleared through the pre-finding correction process:

- Timely Initial Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Consent for Services
- Timely Transition Steps and Services
- Timely Local Educational Agency (LEA) Notification
- Timely Transition Conference

CVRC completed the required actions for each of the identified findings and considers this matter closed as of July 29, 2025. The details are in the enclosed monitoring report.

Thank you for your cooperation during the monitoring review of CVRC's Early Start program and your commitment to serve children and families. If you have any questions, please contact Reyna Ambriz, Early Start Branch Manager, at (916) 651-0364, or by email at Reyna.Ambriz@dds.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Matthew Bahr, Executive Director
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Enclosure

cc: Dana Collins, Board President, CVRC
Donna Perry, CVRC

**EARLY START MONITORING REPORT SUMMARY
CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL CENTER**

DATE OF REVIEW: JUNE 9, 2025 – JULY 29, 2025
FINAL REPORT DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2025

| ITEMS AT 100% COMPLIANCE | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| REQUIREMENT | | RECORDS IN COMPLIANCE | TOTAL RECORDS REVIEWED | COMPLIANCE PERCENTAGE |
| R1 | Obtained written parental consent for evaluation/assessment. 34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Sections 303.321(a) and 303.420(a)(2) | 45 | 45 | 100% |
| R2 | Initial evaluation determined the infant's or toddler's level of functioning in all developmental domains, including hearing, vision, and health. 34 CFR, Sections 303.21, 303.24, 303.310, 303.321 and Title 14, California Early Intervention Services Act (CEISA) Section 95014 | 45 | 45 | 100% |
| R3 | Initial assessment for service planning identified unique strengths and service needs in all five developmental domains, including hearing, vision, and health, prior to the initial Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). 34 CFR, Sections 303.21, 303.24, 303.310, 303.321 and Title 14, CEISA Section 95014 | 45 | 45 | 100% |
| R4 | Written notice of the IFSP meeting. 34 CFR, Section 303.342(d)(2) | 45 | 45 | 100% |
| R6 | Timely provision of services 34 CFR, Sections 303.344(f)(1) and 303.420(b)(2) Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 52109(b) | 45 | 45 | 100% |

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| REQUIREMENT | | RECORDS IN COMPLIANCE | TOTAL RECORDS REVIEWED | COMPLIANCE PERCENTAGE |
| R7 | The IFSP included the frequency and length for all early intervention services. 34 CFR, Section 303.344(d)(1)(i) | 45 | 45 | 100% |
| R8 | Early intervention services are provided in the natural environment or the IFSP contains an appropriate justification when services are not provided in a natural environment. 34 CFR, Sections 303.26, 303.126 and 303.344(d)(1)(ii) | 45 | 45 | 100% |

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| <p align="center">CLEARED FINDINGS</p> <p align="center">Findings cleared prior to the issuance of the report. No further action is required.</p> | | | | | | | |
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| REQUIREMENT | | ORIGINAL RECORDS IN COMPLIANCE | TOTAL RECORDS REVIEWED | ORIGINAL COMPLIANCE PERCENTAGE | SUBSEQUENT RECORDS IN COMPLIANCE | TOTAL SUBSEQUENT RECORDS REVIEWED | SUBSEQUENT COMPLIANCE PERCENTAGE |
| R5 | Initial IFSP meeting was conducted within the 45-day timeline. 34 CFR, Sections 303.310 and 303.342(a) | 43 | 45 | 95.56% | ■ | ■ | 100% |
| O3 | Parental consent was obtained prior to the provision of services. 34 CFR, Section 303.342(e) | 44 | 45 | 97.78% | ■ | ■ | 100% |
| T1 | The IFSP included timely transition steps and services. 34 CFR, Sections 303.209(d) & (e) and 303.344(h) | 44 | 45 | 97.78% | ■ | ■ | 100% |
| T2 | Timely notification to Local Educational Agency (LEA). 34 CFR, Sections 303.209(b) and 303.401(d) | 43 | 45 | 95.56% | ■ | ■ | 100% |
| T3 | Transition Conference occurred in a timely manner and the LEA was invited to the transition meeting. 34 CFR, Section 303.209(c)(1) | 44 | 45 | 97.78% | ■ | ■ | 100% |

Key:

R – “Regular” corresponds to the Regular Review Tool item, followed by the number of the Regular Review Tool item (ex.- R1 refers to the Regular Review Tool item number 1).

T – “Transition” corresponds to the Transition Review Tool item, followed by the number of the Transition Review Tool item (ex.- T3 refers to the Transition Review Tool item number 3).

O – “Other” refers to an additional finding, not included in the Regular or Transition review tools.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department encourages CVRC to review available technical assistance resources related to the IFSP. These resources include but are not limited to:

- Early Start Service Coordinator's Handbook: <https://earlystartneighborhood.org/resources/resources-for-early-start-personnel/service-coordination-handbook/>
- IFSP Resources through the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center: <https://ectacenter.org/topics/ifsp/ifspprocess.asp>
- Educational & Developmental Intervention Services - IFSP Process Guidance Handbook: <https://ectacenter.org/eco/assets/pdfs/EDISIFSPProcessGuidanceHandbook.pdf>