



## Santa Clara County Early Start Program

The Early Start Program is a collaborative effort between San Andreas Regional Center and the Santa Clara County Office of Education, as well as a consortium of other community agencies.

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# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## EARLY START PROGRAM

For infants and toddlers  
with disabilities, and  
their families

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The earlier we start,  
the further they'll go

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The SCCOE Early Start Program (ESP) provides early intervention services for children from birth to age three with disabilities, and their families.

## Our Mission

ESP builds upon and provides support and resources to family members and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.

ESP serves children with many disabilities, including developmental delays, hearing impairments, vision impairments, motor impairments, autism and multiple disabilities.

The program works to strengthen, support and empower families of diverse backgrounds to understand, enhance and reinforce necessary skills to promote their child's development. Thus, participation by parents or caregivers is fundamental throughout all of our program opportunities.

## Eligibility Referral

If you have concerns about your child's development, call **1-800-404-5900** to begin the assessment process.



## Our Program Opportunities

While each child's early intervention is designed according to individualized need, the Home Visit is the foundation of our service provision. Depending on individual needs, program options may include:

- Home and/or childcare visits
- Baby group
- Parent participation class
- Parent education workshops
- Intensive center-based toddler group
- Family fun and community activities

## Our Services

An Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed for all children who are eligible for ESP. Certificated, licensed and paraprofessional early intervention staff provide a variety of services during our program activities:

- Assistive technology
- Family training
- Health services
- Hearing services
- Nutrition counseling
- Occupational/physical therapy
- Social work services
- Specialized instruction
- Speech/language services
- Vision services

