

**The following documents are available regarding the Early Start Program.**

- “Can Your Baby Benefit from Early Intervention Services?” Brochure (English and Spanish)
- “What’s Next After Early Start?” Booklet (English and Spanish)
- “All About Me” Family Resource Notebook (English and Spanish)
- “Community Resources for Families of Young Children” Booklet (English and Spanish)
- “Sensory Issues and Needs of Children in Early Start” Brochure (English and Spanish)

**Contact your Early Start Service Coordinator for any of the above documents.**



**State Agencies for**

**EARLY START:**

***California Department of Education***

P. O. Box 944272  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2720

Phone: 916-445-4613  
Email: [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)

***California Department of Developmental Services***

P. O. Box 944202  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2020

Phone: 800-515-BABY  
Email: [www.dds.ca.gov](http://www.dds.ca.gov)

**The Ventura County  
SELPA**

[www.vcselpa.org](http://www.vcselpa.org)

**EARLY START  
PROGRAM**

School-based infant services  
for children 0-3 with special  
needs

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Services provided by school-based infant programs are determined by the

### Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) Process

The process includes intake, assessment and program planning based on family strengths and needs.

Children with the following disabilities may be eligible:

- Developmental delays
- Established risk for developmental delays

The initial referrals are made to the Tri-Counties or North Los Angeles County Regional Center. The schools serve **all** children with only these disabilities:

- Deafness/hard of hearing
- Visually impaired
- Severe orthopedic impairments

The schools provide all Early Start services for these children.

The Schools will “**dually serve**” children with Tri-Counties Regional Center according to the following priorities *up to* funded capacity:

- Children who need vision or hearing services
- Children with CA Children Services - MTU eligible diagnoses
- Children with multiple handicaps especially cognitive impairments

The schools will provide special education and related services for these children. The Regional Center provides other Early Start services.

#### Family Supports

Rainbow Family Connection – (805) 485-9643  
2401 E. Gonzales Rd., STE 100  
Oxnard, CA 93036



### ***School-based infant services are provided by a transdisciplinary team.***

Services are provided in the home, community and play group settings. Professionals collaborate with families and each other to provide integrated services in natural environments.

### ***There are four School District Geographic Teams which serve children from Ventura County and the Las Virgenes Unified School District***

#### Oxnard Region – (805) 385-1501

Danielle Jefferson— *Director of Special Services*

Natalie Lucacciato – *Early Childhood Special Educator*

Briseida Favela – *Early Childhood Special Educator*

#### Ventura Region – (805) 672-2705 ext. 2213

Neil Virani – *Executive Director of Special Education*

Marcel Harner – *Program Specialist, Early Intervention Center*

Karly Stern, M.A.— *Early Childhood Special Educator*

#### Conejo Region – (805) 497-9511, ext. 221

Shana Grudsky – *Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services*

Jaime Harris – *Early Childhood Special Educator*

#### Simi Region – (805) 520-6619

Sean Goldman – *Executive Director, Student Support Services*

Keisha Carroll, M.A.—*Early Childhood Special Educator*

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