



For parent-to-parent support call Parents Helping Parents, the family resource center at (408) 727-5775.

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# SPECIAL EDUCATION

## EARLY START PROGRAM

For Infants and Toddlers with Developmental Risks and their Families



**It's never too early to start**

The Santa Clara County Early Start Program (ESP) is a collaborative effort between the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the San Andreas Regional Center. It 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 your child has a Visual or Orthopedic Impairment, or is Deaf or Hard of Hearing – please call (408) 392-3801 or (800) 404-5900 to begin the assessment process.**

If you are concerned about a delay in your child's development **not** related to a Visual, Hearing or Orthopedic Impairment, please call the Stars Infant Program and they will help you with your referral and assessment.

The Stars Infant Program Hotline is (844) 700-9889, Fax: (866) 501-8318. Please fill out their short form and submit the referral for your child for an assessment.

## 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
- Parent education workshops
- Baby group
- Family fun and community activities
- Parent participation class

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

