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EARLY START

Common Services

This brochure includes commonly requested services for children ages 0 to 3

Early Start is a statewide program coordinating early intervention services for infants and toddlers from 0 to 3 years of age with or at risk for disabilities or developmental delay and their families.

The first years of a child's life are very important and the earlier any concerns are identified the sooner a child and family can receive specialized services to support growth and development. NLACRC can help in identifying and getting the help your child and family may need.

Your child may be eligible for early intervention services if they:

- Show a 25% or greater delay in one or more developmental areas;
- Has an established risk condition of known etiology, with a high probability of resulting in delayed development; or
- Is considered at high risk of having a substantial developmental disability due to a combination of biomedical risk factors.

All services funded by NLACRC must be decided through the Individual Family Service Planning (IFSP) process. Parent(s) and NLACRC must agree about the services in the IFSP and are based on assessed need. NLACRC cannot pay for services that a child is able to receive from a generic resource (such as Medi-Cal or schools).

Private insurance is another resource that is used to fund early intervention services. Use of private insurance is required for medical therapies that include occupational, physical, and speech therapies and behavioral services.



Below are the most common services for a child age 0 to 3: *

Early Intervention services include:

- occupational therapy
- physical therapy
- psychological services
- child development services
- speech and language services
- vision services
- audiology or hearing services
- family training and counseling
- nursing services
- nutrition services
- service coordination (case management)
- medical services for diagnosis and evaluation only
- assistive technology, including devices or services

This list does not have every service that you can receive or that can be funded for by NLACRC; it is to inform you about the most common services used by NLACRC consumers and families.

*NLACRC does not pay for services that are not evidence based effective.

NLACRC also has a library with resources and information managed by the Family Focus Resource Center (FFRC).

Please see the NLACRC Consumer and Family Guide to learn more about generic resources (such as Medi-Cal or schools).

You may be asked for a payment called the Annual Family Program Fee (AFPF).



NLACRC is interested in any feedback or suggestions you have about your services. Please share them with your Service Coordinator.

