

GOLDEN GATE REGIONAL CENTER

As you may know, the Legislature has recently proposed changes to the Early Start program administered by Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC). This information is to inform you of those changes as they will impact future referrals to this program.

Early Start Eligibility, effective July 28, 2009:

- An infant or toddler under 24 months of age will be eligible for the Early Start program if he or she exhibits a 33% delay in one or more of the following areas of development : cognitive development; physical and motor development, including vision and hearing; communication; social or emotional development and adaptive development; Adjusted age is used up to age 24 months.
- An infant or toddler 24 months of age or older must exhibit a 50% delay in one area of development or a 33% delay in 2 or more areas.
- For children ages 24 months or older, the 33% delay in two areas must be in two different areas or developmental domains. Fine and gross motor (motor) and receptive and expressive language (communication) count as 1 area each.
- The age used for eligibility is the age at the time of the initial referral, not the date of the assessment.

Prevention Program Eligibility , effective October 1, 2009:

- An infant or toddler who is at risk of having a substantial developmental disability due to a combination of two or more biomedical high risk factors.
- An infant or toddler who is 24-35 months of age and does not meet the eligibility for the Early Start program but has a delay in one area of development that is between 33% and 49% .
- Services to be provided in this program are evaluation and assessment, case management and referral to generic resources.

Private insurance(including Medi-Cal), effective July 28, 2009, but implemented at the time of development, review or modification of the IFSP:

- Parents are required to use insurance for medical services identified in the IFSP other than evaluation and assessment.
- GGRC is no longer the primary provider of therapy services.

All referrals for Early Start and the Prevention Program are made through a single point of entry. To make a referral please call 1-888-339-3305 or fax to 1-888-339-3306 or use the online form that you can request from the intake line.