



**Promoting Consistent Natural Environments
The Golden Gate Regional Center
Monday, November 14, 2011**

8:30-9:30	<p>Registration Unfortunately, due to budget constraints we are UNABLE to provide food and drinks. Please be sure to bring what you need for yourselves. Greens Restaurant, Cooks & Company, and Readers Café and Bookstore are on the Fort Mason grounds</p>
9:30-12:20	<p>Welcome Michele Bennett, LCSW, Manager of Early Start, GGRC Natural Environments Michele Donohue, MS, Liaison for Early Start Unit Michael Miguelgorry, Coordinator, Comprehensive System of Personnel Development, California Department of Developmental Services Monica Mathur, OTD,OTR/L , Early Intervention and Prevention, WestEd Meredith Cathcart, MS, Special Education, California Department of Education Sandra Suitor, BS, Parent/Consultant, Supporting Early Education Delivery Systems (SEEDS)</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the natural environments (NE) philosophy for the early intervention system • Have a common language and knowledge of federal and state definitions of NE • Be able to write IFSP outcomes that support children and families in the NE
12:20-12:30	<i>Setting the Stage for the Afternoon</i>
12:30-1:20	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>
1:20-2:30	<p>Principles to Practice Judy Higuchi, MA, Associate Director, High Risk Infant Interagency Council, Julie Steiner, DPT, Co-Founder, AbleCloset and private physical therapist Cynthia Fong-Wan, MA, Program Director, Life Steps Foundation Susan Stephens, PT, private physical therapist Lucia Lainez, MS, CCC-SLP, Feeding/Speech Therapist, Easter Seals of the Bay Area Krystyna Milewski, PT, Therapist Hilary Baldi, MA, Founder/Clinical Director, Behavioral Intervention Association</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine 7 Principles for Providing Early Intervention Services in the Natural Environment
2:30-3:15	<p>Reflecting on Community Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on 7 Principles and examine your practice. • Identify one measurable step toward adopting natural environments. • Identify your training and technical assistance needs.
3:15-3:30	<p>Next Steps and Evaluation Michele Bennett, LCSW, Early Start Manager, GGRC</p>

