

Early Start Vendors' Meeting

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MISSION STATEMENT

**SCLARC believes special needs deserve special attention.
We are committed to the provision of culturally sensitive
services which enhance the inherent strengths of the family and
enable the individuals we serve to lead independent and
productive lives.**



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AGENDA

- **DDS Directive – Reimbursement for Early Start Providers’ Training**
- **Government Code Section 95020(d)(5)(A) amendments re. remote electronic communications service delivery**
- **Working / Not Working**



DDS DIRECTIVE – REIMBURSEMENT FOR ES PROVIDER TRAINING

Section 2014(a) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provided one-time, time-limited supplemental grant funds to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C Grants for Infants and Families, to help recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

\$5 million from ARPA PART C funds allocated to regional centers to reimburse ES vendors for the cost of training fees and/or staff time to attend training to :

- Support the vendors in delivering effective and family centered services that are responsive to the needs of the child and the family**
- To promote gaining of knowledge and skills in delivering culturally and linguistically sensitive services ; and**
- Increase and retain workforce diversity**



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ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- *** must be serving an individual in the Early Start Program and must be attending an approved training topic which can be found in the Early Start Neighborhood website; must be at least one hour
- ** Staff time reimbursement for attending the training shall be the actual cost of time spent attending the training, up to a maximum of \$50.00 per hour, whichever is lower
 - ** Online trainings are permissible regardless of the location of the trainer
 - ** Travel and Lodging costs to attend trainings – not reimbursable

PERMISSIBLE TRAINING TOPICS

- ✓ Cultural competency and cultural humility in the delivery of services
- ✓ Reflective practice and supervision
- ✓ Recognizing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Toxic Stress
- ✓ Recognizing and addressing implicit bias in oneself, and in service delivery
- ✓ Supporting early childhood inclusive practices

***** CAN BE FOUND ON THE EARLY START NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE**



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PROCESS for REQUESTING FUNDING FROM SCLARC

1

MUST submit a request for funding to SCLARC at least **30 days** before the scheduled training.

2

Complete the FORM “EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDER TRAINING REQUEST FORM” for each staff attending using the Seamless doc link <https://seam.ly/GzPV3Yz0>

3

SCLARC staff will review the request to ensure the training requested by the vendor is an approved training.

4

SCLARC will inform the vendor of the approval/denial of the request for training.

5

If approved, the vendor will have **30 days** to complete the approved training and will need to submit a verification of attendance to the regional center to request reimbursement.

Requests for Reimbursement

VENDORS WILL HAVE 30 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE APPROVED TRAINING.

**** Once completed, the vendor needs to submit a VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE to SCLARC by using the Seamless doc link below:**

<https://seam.ly/na4MP0lr>

SCLARC will review the form and if approved, will process the vendor payment.



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SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

**FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TRAINING REQUESTS
TO SCLARC**

**** Subject to close sooner based on the availability of funding**



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DDS DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE FOR SECTION “EARLY START IN-PERSON MEETINGS” : TRAILER BILL SB 188 allows IFSP meetings to be held by remote electronic communications when requested by the parent or legal guardian until June 30, 2023.

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 95020(d)(5)(A) amendments were completed to specify that the IFSP may include remote electronic communications service delivery

-- Imperative to highlight that the specific EI services that are needed to meet the unique needs of the infant/toddler and family are to be decided by the IFSP team

-- IFSP team must include: the parent(s) or guardian(s), the SC, and the person(s) who conducted the assessments/providing services

EARLY START INTAKE SB 188 (Developmental Services Trailer Bill)



EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2022

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CHANGES

Change in Percent of Developmental Delay The eligibility criteria for early intervention services for an infant or toddler was changed from a 33-percent delay to a 25-percent delay in one or more areas of development.

Delays in Communication - Communication development was separated into two categories, expressive communication development and receptive communication development. This change increases the total number of developmental areas, from five to six, in which an infant or toddler referred to Early Start will be assessed and evaluated.

Risks Associated with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome - While there is no impact to program eligibility, the change in law highlights fetal alcohol syndrome as one of the many risk factors for which an infant or toddler may require early intervention services. A diagnosis of fetal alcohol syndrome alone does not guarantee program eligibility, which must be determined in accordance with GC Section 95014.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AB 136 PROVISIONAL ELIGIBILITY

Must first assess for Lanterman eligibility

Reassessment Before Five Years of Age

Regional centers must complete the reassessment to determine if the child has a developmental disability at least 90 days before the child turns five years of age. If the reassessment is not completed before the child turns five years of age, regional centers should continue services until the reassessment is complete.



Early Start Case Management

PROGRAM MANAGERS – Maria Valencia, Silvia Costichi , Irma Zepeda and Adriana Colon

TEAM LEADERS – Hely Chan, Griselda Hernandez, Erika Quezada and Maria Rodriguez

SB 188 – Until June 30, 2023 – at the request of the parent or legal guardian, an IFSP meeting shall be held by remote electronic communications.

SB 188 - Quarterly reviews OF THE IFSP will be required for Early start children

SB 188 – Require caseloads for all individuals 5 years of age or younger to be an average coordinator to consumer ration of 1 to 40



CHECK IN



WHAT'S WORKING



NOT WORKING





Thank You !

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