Humboldt County
Early Start
Infant / Toddler Services

The agencies listed in this brochure have combined to form an Interagency Team.

Our goal is to provide coordinated services to support families in meeting the special needs of children from birth to three years of age.

California Children's Services

CCS is a statewide program of specialized medical care and rehabilitation for eligible children.

Families Served
- Families with children under the age of 21 who are physically disabled or who have specific chronic diseases and are in need of services

Family Services
- Diagnostic services include all medical and other examinations necessary to make a diagnosis
- Treatment services include physician supervision, medicines, hospital and surgical care, home health care, laboratory tests, X-rays, and appliances. Financial status is considered for eligibility. Financial eligibility is not required for MTP.
- The CCS Medical Therapy Program (MTP) provides pediatric physical therapy, occupational therapy, and medical examinations by visiting physicians specializing in pediatric rehabilitation.
- Pediatric physical therapy and occupational therapy is provided at CCS medical therapy unit at Glen Paul School.

A physician, parent or any concerned individual may refer a child to CCS for possible services.

For further information and/or referral, please contact:
Humboldt County
Dept. of Health & Human Services
Public Health Branch
California Children's Services (CCS)
908 Seventh Street, Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-6212 or Toll Free: (866) 487-0998
www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs

The Special Needs Connection
Early Start Family Resource Center
Changing Tides Family Services

The Special Needs Connection is a resource and support service for families with infants and small children with special needs from birth to age three.

Families Served
Families with children 0-3 years of age with special needs.

Family Services
- Information and Referral
  Linking families with community services
- Family Support
  Providing options and referrals for one-on-one peer support, support groups, and family activities
- Outreach
  Increasing public awareness of special needs
- Advocacy
  Strengthening parents' knowledge and decision-making abilities
- Resources
  Lending library offering books, videos, and articles on infants, special needs and parenting

For further information and/or referral, please contact:
Special Needs Connection
Changing Tides Family Services
2259 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 444-8293 or Toll Free: (800) 795-3554
www.changingtidesfs.org
The High Risk Infant Nurse Home Visit Program

The High Risk Infant Nurse Home Visit program supports families that have medically fragile infants or infants with special needs at birth.

Most medically fragile infants are initially referred to these services when discharged from a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Public Health Nursing (PHN) services are voluntary and provide case management through regularly-scheduled home visits.

Families Served

All children who graduate from a NICU are considered. Eligible children include those with prematurity, low birth weight, respiratory distress, neonatal asphyxia, neonatal drug addiction, neonatal trauma, seizures, congenital anomalies and metabolic disorders.

Family Services

- A Public Health Nurse (RN) provides regularly-scheduled home visits with the family to help determine the baby’s needs and to access resources.
- During visits, an opportunity is provided to discuss parenting, health-related questions that may arise due to the baby’s medical history.
- The nurse measures physical and developmental growth at appropriate intervals and is able to follow the child up to two years.

For further information and/or referral, please contact:

DHHS
Public Health Nursing
317 2nd St., Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 268-2105
www.co.humboldt.ca.us

The Early Start Program is a voluntary, tax-funded partnership between parents and community professionals to support the development of children from birth to 36 months. Upon referral, children are evaluated to determine if eligible for Early Start or if referral to Prevention Resource and Referral Services (PRRS) may be appropriate.

Families Served

Early Start:
- under 24 mos. with 33% delay in 1 area
- 24-36 mos. with 33% delay in 2 areas or 50% delay in 1 area, or
- an established risk condition of known etiology with a high probability of delay

Prevention Resource and Referral Services (PRRS):
- Children birth to age 3 who are at substantially greater risk for developmental disability but who would otherwise be ineligible for services through Early Start, may, with family consent, be referred to the Special Needs Connection Family Resource Center at Changing Tides Family Services for PRRS. Please see “Changing Tides Family Services” column in this brochure for more information about this service.

Family Services

Early Start includes services based on child’s assessed developmental needs and family concerns and priorities, such as:
- Service coordination/help accessing community resources
- Developmental assessment/intervention
- Physical/occupational/speech-language assessment and therapy
- Vision and hearing services
- Family training and home visits

For further information and/or referral:

Redwood Coast Regional Center
525 2nd Street, Suite 300
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-0893 or Toll Free: (888) 584-9473
www.redwoodcoastrc.org
www.dds.ca.gov/Birth36months

RCRC

Redwood Coast Regional Center
Early Start Program

HCOE offers a voluntary, home-based, family-focused developmental program for infants and toddlers ages birth to 36 months, who are at risk for or are showing delays in development. The program is funded through tax revenue.

Families Served

- Under 24 mos. with 33% delay in 1 area
- 24-36 mos. with 33% delay in 2 areas or 50% delay in 1 area
- Diagnosed orthopedic, visual or hearing impairment
- an established risk condition of known etiology with a high probability of delay

Family Services

- Developmental assessment for eligibility
- Be part of a team that helps the family develop a plan to meet the needs of their child and family (Individualized Family Service Plan)
- Home visits by a credentialed special education teacher to work with the child and caregivers (parents, foster parents, daycare staff, etc.) Odd small groupings for the child and their caregivers may be offered in some communities
- Parent education on child development issues
- Help with transition into other family requested services and programs

For further information and/or referral, please contact:

Humboldt County Office of Education
901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-6006
www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sps/se

HCOE

Humboldt County
Office of Education

Northcoast Children’s Services Early Head Start

Early Head Start is a voluntary federally-funded comprehensive year-round infant, toddler and family development program. Together, parents and staff develop family and child goals to nurture the healthy growth of infants, toddlers, and their families. Parents also receive extensive training, attend workshops and support groups and play a key role in the planning, decision-making and operation of the program.

Families Served

- Pregnant women
- Families with infants and toddlers who live on low incomes
- Families with infants and toddlers with special needs

Family Services

- Weekly home visits
- Playgroups
- Parent meetings
- Parenting classes
- Developmental, social and emotional screenings
- Nutrition screens
- Ongoing assessments of young children
- Family assessments and family partnership plans
- Linking families to community resources

For further information and/or referral, please contact:

Northcoast Children’s Services
Early Head Start
1266 9th Street
Arcata, CA 95521
P.O. Box 1163 - Arcata, CA 95518
(707) 822-7206 or Toll Free: (800) 808-7206
www.nchheadstart.org