



*Striving to Achieve Equality,  
Independence and Empowerment*

## **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR EARLY START PROVIDER TRAINING COST**

For the 2023 year only, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has allocated funding from the American Rescue Plan Act - Part C funds to reimburse Kern Regional Center's early intervention service providers (vendors) for the cost of training fees and/or staff time to attend **permissible training\***

To be eligible for reimbursement, early intervention service providers and/or their staff must be serving a regional center consumer in the Early Start program and must be attending an approved training for a permissible topics.

Staff time reimbursement for attending training shall be the actual cost of time spent attending training, up to a maximum of \$50.00/hour, whichever is lower. The training must total at least one hour.

A list of approved training organizations and programs can be found here: Early Start Neighborhood [List of Trainings Approved for ES Service Providers - Early Start Neighborhood](#)

If a provider is interested in attending a training that is not included on the list of approved trainings, the provider may submit a training consideration request, with information on the training, to: [Submit a Training for Consideration \(smartsheet.com\)](#)

\*Permissible training topics include the following:

- 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

Online trainings are permissible regardless of the location of the trainer. Travel and lodging costs to attend trainings are not reimbursable.

### **Requesting Funding from Regional Center**

Early intervention service providers must submit a request for funding to the regional center at least 30 days before the scheduled training. Providers will have 30 days to complete the approved training and will need to submit a verification of attendance to the regional center.

**The final deadline for providers submitting training requests is September 30, 2023; however, this deadline is subject to close sooner based on the availability of funding.**

If you have questions, please email Kristine Khuu- [kkhuu@kernrc.org](mailto:kkhuu@kernrc.org) for training requests and Lynn Clark [lclark@kernrc.org](mailto:lclark@kernrc.org) regarding any community services/vendor questions.