



KERN REGIONAL CENTER

*Striving to Achieve Equality,
Independence and Empowerment*

KERN REGIONAL CENTER CHILD FIND PROCEDURE

Kern Regional Center participates in child find activities which is a vital part of our commitment to locate and identify all infants and toddlers (under age 3) who may be eligible for the Early Start program as defined in Federal Code of Regulation 34, § 303.302(b) and California Code of Regulation Title 17, § 52040. Infants and toddlers who are suspected to have a developmental delay or at risk for a developmental disability will be referred for an evaluation at Kern Regional Center by their parents, medical providers or other community agencies. These activities are inclusive to infants and toddlers and their families who are experiencing homelessness, highly mobile migrants, wards of the state and young children who are Native Americans. Children identified will be residing within the 3 counties that are included in Kern Regional Center's catchment area: Kern, Inyo and Mono county.

The following are the Child Find activities that Kern Regional Center will be implementing on a regular basis:

- 1) Posting and updating information about the Early Start program on the KRC website and social media in English and Spanish including direct contact information to link the individual to the Intake Department.
- 2) Participating in collaborative meetings with our community partners and public agencies.
- 3) Attending and participating in outreach events to disseminate information about Kern Regional Center.

- 4) Producing/providing KRC Early Start Pamphlets and other written materials in English and Spanish and sharing with primary referral sources.
- 5) Making presentations to local professional groups and other organizations.
- 6) Working collaboratively with Local Education Agency to coordinate local child find activities.
- 7) Outreach to referral agencies , medical providers and hospitals.
- 8) Promoting the Early Start programs through placing announcements on local radio and news station.
- 9) Coordinating services with school districts and local educational partners in identifying children who are potentially eligible for services under Part B and linking them to Kern Regional Center.
- 10) Kern Regional Center will continue to promote general public awareness of the Early Start program and services available for infants and toddlers who are at risk for a developmental disability or who demonstrate developmental delays.