

Regional Center of Orange County

*In Service to People with
Developmental Disabilities*

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Regional Centers

- Two programs administered by Regional Centers in California
 - Federal (IDEA Part C) known as Early Start
 - California's Lanterman Act which established Regional Centers and provides regulations
- Network of 21 Regional Centers in California
 - Independent, non-profit organizations
 - Under contract with the State of California
 - Administered by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)



RCOC: Who We Are

Branch offices of Regional Center Orange County

- East/South – Santa Ana
- West /North – Cypress
- Administrative office in Santa Ana

➤ Website: www.rcocdd.com

Population Served by RCOC

- Approximately 23,316 persons in Orange County receive RCOC services
- 3,567 Infants and Toddlers served from ages 0-3 through Early Start Program

California's Birth to 36 Months Program

EARLY START



Early Start Eligibility Part C (birth - 36 months of age)

Developmental Delay

- 33% delay in 1 or more areas of development (cognitive, motor, communication, social and adaptive)

Established Risk

- Condition of known etiology with a high probability of intellectual disability (e.g., Down syndrome)

High Risk or "At-Risk"

- At high risk of having substantial developmental disability due to a combination of biomedical risk factors..

Early Start Eligibility (cont.)

- Solely Low Incidence (SLI) Disability
Hearing, vision, orthopedic and normal cognition

Served by the Department of Education

LANTERMAN ELIGIBILITY (over age 3)

RCOC serves persons with developmental disabilities. As defined by law, such persons meet four criteria:

1. Must be a resident of Orange County
2. They have a qualifying diagnosis:
Intellectual Disability/ CP / Epilepsy / Autism / 5th Category.
3. Their disability began **prior to age 18.**
4. They have substantial disabilities in **3 or more of 7 legally mandated areas** that are the result of their qualifying diagnosis.
5. Their disability is expected to last indefinitely.

Excluded from Eligibility:

1. Solely learning disabilities.
2. Solely psychiatric disorders where deficits in intellectual or social functioning result from psychiatric disorders or their treatment.
3. Solely physical conditions that are acquired and not associated with neurological impairment resulting in the need for treatment like a person with Intellectual Disability.

7 Areas of Functioning are Reviewed by Age Substantial Deficits in 3 Areas Need to be Identified

<u>Area</u>	<u>Birth to 5</u>	<u>6 to 18</u>	<u>Over 18</u>
Learning	+	+	+
Rec. & Exp. Language	+	+	+
Mobility	+	+	+
Self-Care	+	+	+
Self-Direction	+	+	+
Independent Living		+	+
Economic Self-Sufficiency			+

Lanterman Funding Guidelines

Mandated to be payer of last resort

- Use generic resources
- Purchase of Service Guidelines
- California Children Services
- Cal-Optima
- IHSS/SSI
- Private Insurance
- Local Education Agency
- Mental Health
- Community Clinics
- IHO – In home nursing

New Trend at RCO

Person-Centered Thinking

A new approach to case management putting the person-served in the center of all decisions – weighing what is important to and important for that individual.

Most Commonly Used Services Youth & Adolescents

This is not a complete listing of available services but just those most often utilized by school-aged individuals, age 3 – 22.

- Service Coordination
- Respite
- In-Home ABA
- Child Care Support
- Educational Support

Most Commonly Used Services Adults

- Service Coordination
- Respite
- Living Options
 - Independent Living Training
 - Independent Living Services
 - Supported Living Services
 - Licensed Homes
- Employment Support
- Adult Day Programs
- Medical & Dental Services (not otherwise covered by insurance)
- Personal Assistance

Comfort Connection Family Resource Center



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Comfort Connection Family Resource Center

- One of 47 FRCs throughout the State designated as an Early Start Family Resource Center.
- Comfort Connection is the Orange County Early Start FRC
- Staffed primarily by parents of children with special needs
- Comfort Connection Family Resource Center and Regional Center collaborate to serve families and individuals throughout life

Comfort Connection Family Resource Center

Services Include:

- Emotional Support to Parents by Parents
- Community Resources & Referrals
- Library of articles, books & DVDs
- Activity boxes for loan to Early Start families
- Weekly email blasts regarding O.C. events/workshops
- Monthly Educational Presentations
- Transition Assistance into Part B (Sp. Ed. Preschool)
- A to Z listing of all O.C. Parent Support Groups
- Low Incidence Family Support

Resources for Children

Over 400 weblinks to all types of family resources can be found at:

www.ocoedd.com/frc/ccfrc/resources

Thank You!