

Service Policy Manual

Intake and Assessment Services

Intake services are available for any person believed to have a developmental disability as defined within the California Welfare and Institutions Codes of the Lanterman Act. Services are also available for any person believed to have a high risk of parenting a developmentally disabled infant. An infant having a high risk of becoming developmentally disabled may be eligible for initial intake and assessment services through Early Start. The California Early Start program states that families whose infants or toddlers have a developmental delay or disability or an established risk condition with a high probability of resulting in a delay may be eligible to receive Early Start in California.

Intake processes include but are not limited to information and advice about the nature and availability of services provided by regional centers and other agencies such as housing and work which may be useful to persons with developmental disabilities or their families. Intake staff shall initiate an assessment. Within Early Start, teams of service coordinators, healthcare providers, early intervention service coordinators, therapists, and parent resource specialists evaluate and assess infants or toddlers and provide appropriate early intervention and family support services for young children from birth to three years of age.

Assessment and evaluation services, regardless of person's age, may be purchased by North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) through the intake process if necessary to determine an individual's eligibility for regional center service.

Assessment and evaluation may include:

- Collection and review of historical diagnostic data
- Provision or procurement of necessary tests and evaluations
- Summary of developmental levels

All generic resources must be exhausted before services are provided.

Services will follow Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act guidelines.

The NBRC Executive Director may review and authorize an exception if warranted by individual circumstances.