#### Facts at a Glance

# Regional Centers

#### CALIFORNIA

# EARLY START

### With Early Start... We make a difference

nfants and toddlers, from birth up to 36 months, at risk of or with developmental delays or disabilities may be eligible to receive services through California's 21 community-based regional centers. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracts with non-profit corporations that operate regional centers.

Regional centers are the single point of entry into the service system that serves people with developmental disabilities across all ages. Regional centers provide intake, evaluation, and assessment to determine eligibility and service needs. They also provide service coordination, advocacy, information, referral, and an array of other services to eligible infants and toddlers and their families.

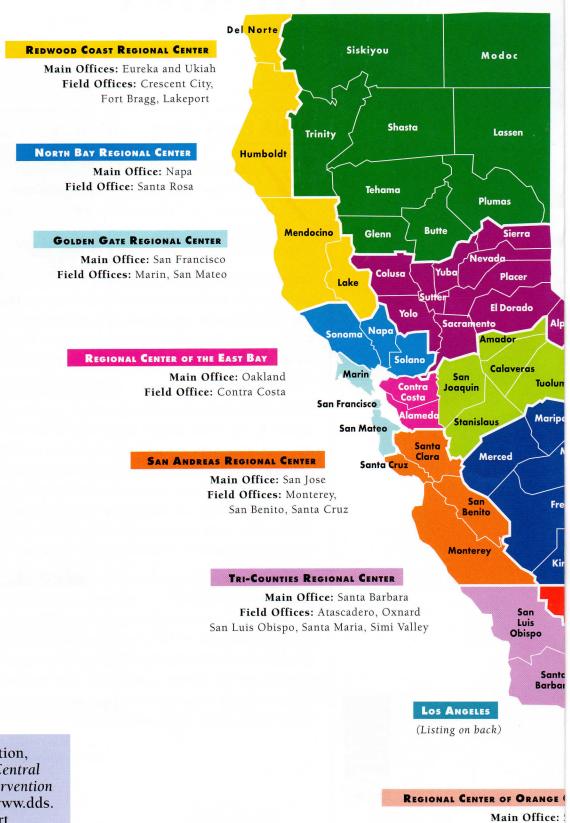
Early intervention services are provided, purchased, or arranged by regional centers based on the unique needs of the child and family. Early intervention services that are not available through other publicly funded agencies are generally purchased from community service providers who are "vendored" by the regional center. In specific communities, some regional centers contract with local education agencies (LEAs) to provide special instruction and other related early intervention services through their early childhood special education programs to children served by regional centers.

Regional centers coordinate with LEAs and other local agencies and organizations in evaluation, assessment, development of individualized family service plans and service provision. For children who are dually served by a regional center and an LEA, basic special education and related services are usually provided by the LEA. Either LEAs or regional centers may be designated to provide service coordination. The regional center may also provide additional early intervention services or other available State services based on the needs of the child and family.



800.515.BABY www.dds.ca.gov/ earlystart

#### Regional Cent



For more information, please refer to the Central Directory of Early Intervention Resources located at www.dds. ca.gov/earlystart or call 800/837-4337.

Field Offices: Laguna San Juan Capistranc

#### ers by County

#### FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER

Main Office: Redding

Field Offices: Chico, Mt. Shasta, Susanville

#### ALTA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CENTER

Main Office: Sacramento

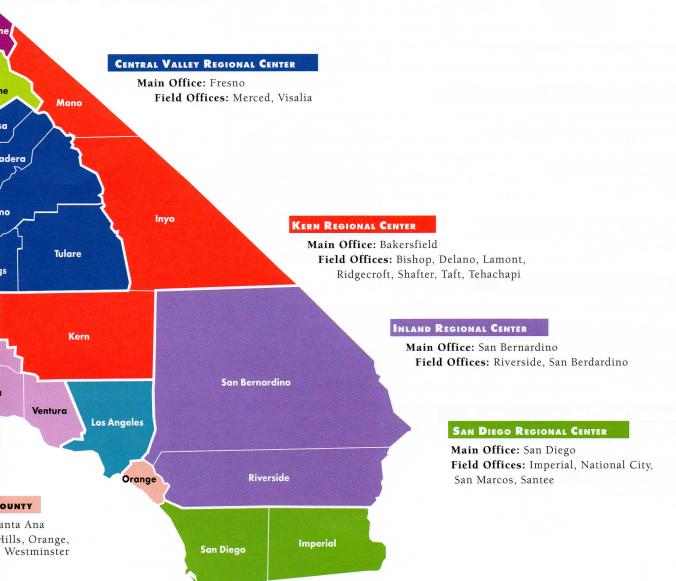
Field Offices: Auburn, Grass Valley, Placerville,

Roseville, South Lake Tahoe, Woodland, Truckee, Yuba City

#### VALLEY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL CENTER

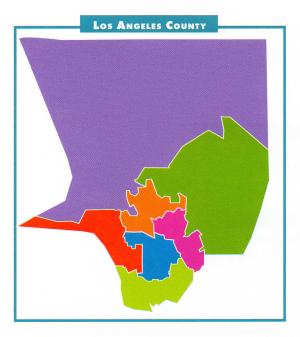
Main Office: Stockton

Field Offices: Modesto, Stanislaus



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## Regional Centers by County



#### North Los Angeles County Regional Center

Main Office: Van Nuys

Field Offices: Antelope, Santa Clarita Valley

#### WESTSIDE REGIONAL CENTER

Main Office: Culver City

#### FRANK D. LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER

Main Office: Los Angeles

#### SAN GABRIEL/POMONA REGIONAL CENTER

Main Office: Pomona

#### EASTERN LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER

Main Office: Alhambra Field Office: Whittier

#### South Central Los Angeles Regional Center

Main Office: Los Angeles

#### HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER

Main Office: Torrance