

resources and referral tips for children with documented concerns

Also consider resources under “no concerns” and “borderline concerns”

RESOURCES	UNDER 3 YEARS OLD	3 YEARS & OLDER	USEFUL RESOURCES AND TIPS FOR SUCCESS WITH REFERRALS FOR SERVICES
Regional Center	<p>(1) Delay(s) suspected in one or more areas. Regional Center will establish whether child is eligible for Early Start Program as having established risk or developmental delay.</p> <p>(2) Children with at-risk conditions or less significant delay may be eligible for new DDS Prevention Program. Regional Center will establish child’s eligibility.</p>	<p>Regional Center will determine eligibility based on diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy or condition similar to mental retardation (e.g. traumatic brain injury).</p>	<p>Send completed screening tool with your local referral form for either Early Intervention Services or “over 3” services. Include all pertinent medical records and document date that this packet was sent. Schedule one month follow-up visit with family. Get names and contact information, record dates and be vigilant about following up.</p>
Local School District (or County Office of Education)	<p>Solely Low Incidence (SLI): Hearing, vision, and/or orthopedic impairment(s).</p>	<p>In addition to Regional Center-eligible children over 3 (see above), eligibility includes learning disabilities, severe emotional disturbance, multiple disabilities, speech/ language, hearing or vision impairments, and/or orthopedic impairments that interfere with learning. Some health concerns qualify for accommodations under Section 504.</p>	<p>Get the name and direct phone line for the assigned person in your local school district who handles Special Education and/or Section 504 referrals. Schedule one month follow-up visit with family. Record dates and be vigilant about following up.</p>
CCS Medical Therapy Program	<p>Must have a diagnosis of or be at risk for Cerebral Palsy or have another eligible chronic disabling condition such as Spina Bifida, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Muscular Dystrophy, Nerve Injuries (e.g. Brachial Plexus), and Congenital Deformity or Amputation.</p>	<p>Must have one of the diagnoses identified for under 3 year olds (cannot just be at risk) and typically child must demonstrate continuing functional gains from OT/PT.</p>	<p>Medical Therapy Program has no income requirements and is free. Referring providers should ensure that medical records substantiate need for therapy, including prescription for therapy. Schedule one month follow-up visit with family.</p>
Other Assessment Services	<p>Audiology and speech/language referrals are common for children with expressive or receptive language concerns. Consider medical evaluation, e.g. genetics, developmental-behavioral pediatrics.</p>	<p>Send audiology reports to Regional Center and Local School District when making referrals for speech/ language services. Schedule one month follow-up visit with family. Get names and contact information, record dates and be vigilant.</p>	