

Regional Center of the East Bay



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Agenda

- 1) How Regional Centers for Individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Came Into Being
- 2) Introduction to Regional Center of the East Bay as one of 21 in the State of California
- 3) Eligibility by Age Group
- 4) Services Provided
- 5) How Services are Funded

Regional Centers

... a grassroots movement

- Prior to and during the early 1960s
 - Only option for government funded services were **state institutions/hospitals**
 - Govt. funding for services began when a person was admitted to an institution
- In the 1960s, parents of children with developmental disabilities began to advocate for the ability to care for their children at home, as well as receive funding from govt. to provide home based care

Current Regional Center System

- The regional center system was established to provide coordinated planning for lifetime community care for people with developmental disability as a viable alternative to placement in an institution
- 21 Regional Centers in California, each serving a specific geographic area, RCEB serves Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
- Each RC is a non-profit corporation with a community-based Board of Directors
- Each is contracted with the California Department of Developmental Services, which coordinates services for all developmentally disabled persons residing in California

Early Start Eligibility

Birth to 3 Years

Exhibit B

- Infants and toddlers from birth to age 36 months may be eligible for early intervention services if they...
 - have a developmental delay of at least 33% in one or more areas: cognitive, communication, social or emotional, adaptive, or physical and motor development including vision and hearing; or
 - have an established risk condition of known etiology, with a high probability of resulting in delayed development; or
 - are considered at high risk of having a substantial developmental disability due to a combination of biomedical risk factors (diagnosed by qualified personnel)

Eligibility: 3 years and Older Ongoing Regional Center Services

- To be eligible for services, a person must have a disability that begins before the individual's 18th birthday.
- Disability is expected to continue indefinitely and present a substantial disability.
- Qualifying conditions include Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, Down syndrome and other disabling conditions requiring similar support to those diagnosed with intellectual disabilities

Substantial Disability

- The existence of significant functional limitations, as determined by the regional center.
- Limitations must be in three or more of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate to the person's age:
 - Receptive and expressive language
 - Learning
 - Self-care
 - Mobility
 - Self-direction
 - Capacity for independent living and Economic self-sufficiency

Developmental Disabilities

Does not include conditions that are:

- Solely psychiatric disorders
- Solely learning disabilities.
- Solely physical in nature.

Intake Screening

- Initial inquiry is made by phone, email, fax
 - Intake Coordinator then responds to inquiry
 - Intake Screening Form Mailed to Consumer
 - Based on screening, face to face (currently via phone or zoom) interview is scheduled by an Assessment Counselor
- Phone (510) 618- 6122
 - Fax (510) 678-4122
 - E: intakeoverthree@rceb.org

Intake Interview

- RCEB Assessment Counselor meets with applicant and family/responsible person
- Completes social assessment including developmental history
- Refers to clinical staff for review or assessment.

Eligibility Determination

- Regional Center Team including a psychologist, physician, and assessment counselor meet to determine eligibility
- Recommendations are made for both individuals made eligible and those who are ineligible

Regional Center Services Over Age 3

- Case Management and Advocacy
- Individual Program Plan- Identify, Plan, and Coordinate Services
- Coordination of Generic Services including insurance, other public programs, and education
- May purchase services based on policies established by the RCEB Board of Directors after all alternative funding has been explored

Generic Resources and Insurance

- RCEB funds services that relate to the developmental disability and that are based on an assessed need.
- RCEB is unable to fund any services that are required by law to be funded by another agency or that can be accessed through a generic resource (e.g., mental health services, health insurance, education programs, etc.) Payor of last resort.

Common Services and Supports by Age Group ^{Exhibit B}

Children (3-18)	Young Adults (16-25)	Adults (18/22+)
Respite/Daycare	Independent Living Skills	Independent Living Skills
Behavioral Support	Residential Placement	Residential Placement
Social Recreation	Supported Living	Supported Living
Residential Placement	Job Coaching/Paid Internships	Job Coaching/Paid Internships
Durable Medical Equipment	Day Programs	Day programs
IEP Advocacy	Public Benefits Education	Representative Payee
Parent Training	Post secondary exploration	Transportation



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