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TO: CALIFORNIA COUNTY ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATORS AND PERINATAL PROGRAM PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA'S EARLY START PROGRAM

Enclosed is a list of Family Resource Centers associated with the California Early Start Program. This information is being sent out to assist you in your efforts to identify and refer eligible infants and toddlers for Early Start services.

Early Start, the State's interagency early intervention service program, was implemented by the California Early Intervention Services Act. Early Start is California's service delivery system for early intervention services to children with developmental delays and disabilities, and those at high risk for developmental disability, including infants prenatally exposed to drugs and alcohol. The goal of Early Start is to promote and facilitate early identification and ensure that early intervention services are provided in a coordinated, family-centered manner to eligible infants and toddlers.

California's Early Start Program is a joint effort of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the California Department of Education (CDE) that encourages partnerships between families and professionals, family support, and coordination of services. The statewide program is available through regional centers, county offices of education or local school districts, health or social service agencies, and family resource centers.

To assist in the development and dissemination of public awareness materials for California's Early Start Program, DDS developed the Early Start Resources project. In addition to disseminating informational materials to regional centers, various organizations, and interested individuals, Early Start Resources also provides resource assistance and information referral regarding early intervention programs.

I hope this resource and referral information is helpful. If you need additional information about the Early Start Program call 1-800-515-BABY. For information about Early Start Resources call 1-800-869-4337.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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