

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Part C Initiative for Early Start:
*Develop Culturally & Linguistically
Sensitive Services*

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Who am I?

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- Early Childhood Specialist
 - Project Coordinator for ARPA Part C Initiative
 - Knowledgeable about Early Start
 - Passionate about Early Intervention
 - Excited about telling your story and supporting your work in Early Start
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What can we accomplish?

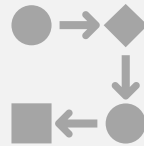
- Expand to support families' unique needs for accessing critical services for their young children.
- Increasing the availability of a provider network that reflects the cultural and linguistic diversity of the community
- Expand your capacity to serve more children by offering incentives.



Potential for Statewide Model



This initiative will roll out in our 10 counties.



We are creating a model for moving forward.



If this is successful, it can then be replicated Statewide.

Outreach:

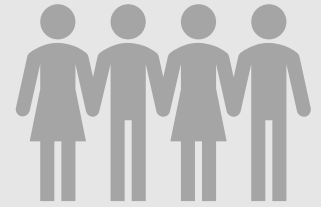
To address the shortage of
Early Start providers

For attracting students to
choose internships and
eventual careers in Early Start

Job Fairs and Community Events



Outreach to local universities, community colleges, and through job fairs to target undergraduates to establish initial interest.



Additional incentive to hire culturally and linguistically diverse staff who actively provide a minimum level of service hours

How can you help?

Events

Let us know about community events or job fairs that would be valuable for us to attend.

Attend Events with us
(\$50 stipend)

Interviews

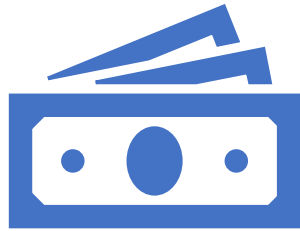
Showcase your passion for Early Start and the difference therapists can make in early intervention.

Families

Identify families who will share powerful stories of how they were helped by Early Start.

And those who will attend events with us
(\$50 stipend)

Incentives:



\$11,000 for paid internships

The internship period can be a trial for both the employer and the intern to see if this could be a good fit for permanent employment



Enhanced availability stipends for serving families in person in the following categories:

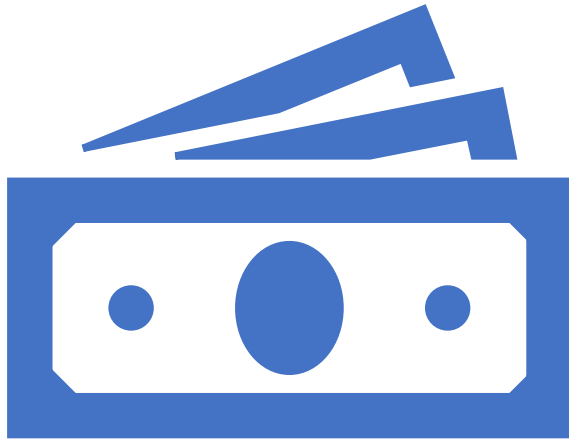
remote areas

underserved areas

service delivery time during non-working hours (evenings & weekends & holidays)

culturally and linguistically diverse populations

Stipends



1 criteria = \$200

2 criteria = \$350

3+ criteria = \$600

Based off an established POS authorization

Limited until funding exhausted

Maximum of 2 claims/month for the same client

Remote and Underserved Areas

Remote Areas: (45 minute or more drive for providers from their homes)

- Placer County: Alta/Dutch Flat, Emigrant Gap, Colfax, Meadow Vista, Foresthill, Sheridan
- Yuba County: Wheatland, Loma Rica, Brownsville, Dobbins, Oregon House, Beale AFB
- Sutter County: Rio Oso, Nicolaus, Robbins, Pleasant Grove
- Nevada County: North San Juan, Downieville, Smartsville
- Yolo County: Esparto, Madison, Yolo, Knights Landing, Dunnigan, Arbuckle, Guinda and Brooks
- Colusa County: College City (95912), Colusa (95932), Williams, Maxwell, Grimes

Underserved Areas (zip codes): Marysville, Olivehurst, Linda, Plumas Lake, Wheatland; Yuba City, Live Oak

95993, 95991, 95977, 95961, 95959, 95953, 95946, 95903, 95901, 95842, 95838, 95835, 95816, 95815, 95811, 95692, 95673, 95660

Expansion of Service Delivery

Nonworking Hours
(evenings,
weekends, &
holidays)

In person in
natural
environment

Cap on Claims per
Vendorization

50 claims per
vendorization

How will you get paid?

- Complete a stipend claim form
- Payments will be received no later than December 2023





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Early Start Initiative Vendor Service(s) Stipend Claim Form

Vendor #	<input type="text"/>	Full Name of Service Staff	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Name	<input type="text"/>	Service Date	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Contact Name	<input type="text"/>	Authorization #	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Contact Position	<input type="text"/>	E-Billing Invoice #	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>	Service Location:	<input type="text"/>
		Client UCI:	<input type="text"/>

* Early Start Provider may earn additional revenue by providing services to clients within the following qualifying categories for approved early start services. Funding is limited and will be approved based on funds available at time of claim and by service date. Due to limited funding for this one-time program and the demand from varying geographical areas, populations and the intention to expand provider capacity in different regions, these stipends are limited to a total of 50 stipend payments per vendorization. In order to receive any stipend payments for any of the qualifying categories, the service must be delivered in-person. No more than two stipend payments may be earned within the same month for the same client; however, services to the client shall not be impacted. A POS authorization must exist before any services are provided. Each claim form will be required for each service stipend payment and further supporting documentation may also be required. Interpreter, translation, psychologist service providers serving Early Start clients are not eligible for this stipend. Requirements and terms of this program initiative are subject to change as the program progresses.

Remote Area:	<input type="text"/>	Please list from approved listing, must be in-person:	<input type="text"/>
Underserved Areas:	<input type="text"/>	Please list from approved listing, must be in-person:	<input type="text"/>

Non-working hours	<input type="text"/>	Please list approved service times:	<input type="text"/>
Culturally/Linguistically diverse population	<input type="text"/>	ACRC will verify via DDS low to No POS listing.	

Number of Qualified Categories:	<input type="text"/>	1 = \$200
	<input type="text"/>	2 = \$350
	<input type="text"/>	3 or more = \$600

Email this claim sheet to Lak Singh at lsingh@altaregional.org for approval of payment. All payments will be issued no later than 13 business days after claim submission.

Vendor Representative Name

Vendor Representative Signature & Date



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Early Start Initiative Cultural and Linguistic Staff Stipend Claim Form

ACRC Pre-Approval

Vendor # _____
Vendor Name _____
Vendor Contact Name _____
Vendor Contact Position _____
Email Address _____

Potential New Staff Name: _____
Potential New Staff Hire Date: _____
Potential Staff Spoken Language (s): _____

* Vendor acknowledges and accepts the following: Funding is limited for early start services and will be pre-approved based on languages served and number of hires per vendor to ensure the stipends are benefiting our diverse vendor communities. All final and complete claim information must be submitted by December 10, 2023 in order to receive the stipend. Additional supporting documentation may also be requested and required for release of stipend payment. Qualified staff must be proficient in a language outside of English and must provide a minimum POS based service of 60 hours to the clients it targets. Interpreter, translation, psychologist service providers serving Early Start clients are not eligible for this stipend. Staff must also be incorporated into the approved Program Design, if applicable, and reviewed by ACRC's CSS department for final approval. Requirements and terms of this program initiative are subject to change as the program progresses.

Vendor Signature & Date

ACRC Representative Name & Signature/Date

Vendor Submission & ACRC Verification

_____ Total POS Authorization Hours Served by new staff member

Authorization #	Dates Served	Service Hours	Authorization #	Dates Served	Service Hours

ACRC Comment: _____

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Early Start Initiative Internship Stipends Claim Form - Monthly

Internship Number:	<input type="text"/>	Intern Name	<input type="text"/>
Vendor #	<input type="text"/>	Service Month	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Name	<input type="text"/>	Service Year	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Contact Name	<input type="text"/>	Intern Hours Worked:	<input type="text"/>
Vendor Contact Position	<input type="text"/>	Approved Hourly Rate:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>	Total Reimbursement Amount	<input type="text"/>

Activities Performed:

Objective Achieved:

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Vendor Representative Name

Vendor Representative Signature & Date





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