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Focus Groups and 1:1 Interviews for Families in the Early Start Program

The California Policy Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (CPCIDD) is a non-partisan, non-profit policy center established to conduct research and identify best practices that inform, support, and improve upon statewide policies that impact the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in California. CPCIDD is studying the impact of the Early Intervention workforce shortage on families who have infants and toddlers who are at risk for, or have, developmental delays. To gain a full perspective on the issue we are conducting surveys, focus groups and one to one interviews with families, family resource centers, early intervention service providers, and regional center service coordinators.

Family experiences are essential to understanding how the early intervention workforce shortage affects access to services and supports for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. By sharing your family's experiences, you can help us better understand how workforce shortages impacts infants, toddlers, and families.

Each focus group will be approximately 60 minutes and responses will be de-identified, unless express written consent is given to share identifiable information. The information will be used to compile a report that will be published for statewide distribution. In addition to focus groups we will be conducting 1:1 interviews with families who want to participate but rather not be in a focus group. Information obtained in 1:1 interviews will also be shared anonymously unless express written consent to share identifiable information is given.

Your insights and experience will help inform policy discussions, workforce planning, and system improvements across the state. Early Start families in California who have children from birth to 5 years old are invited to take this short survey about the Early Intervention workforce regardless of whether you are able to participate in a focus group or interview. The survey will remain open until July 15, 2026.

English Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/77KW7M2>

Spanish Survey

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/9VMD5BN>

If you are interested in participating in a focus group please register for one of the following virtual focus groups. If you prefer a 1:1 interview please email Teresa Anderson at Teresa@cpcidd.org to schedule an interview.

Focus Groups

Jun 16, 2026 - 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/bwkAQ60VTgWoZratkRoorw>

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

June 18, 2026 – 9:30 – 10:30 am

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/T0cENtafSSKo1IQgjoIXFA>

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

June 23, 2026 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Spanish Interpretation Available

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/NMqIA_woTjqE3SX0EFqQxg

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Thank you for your time and dedication to strengthening services and supports for Early Start families.