Family Services May Include:

- Parent education, coaching and support
- Home-based Services (birth -36 months)
- Parent-Infant play group
- Center–based toddler classes for children with hearing loss
- Sign language instruction
- Listening, language and speech therapy
- Physical therapy services
- Assistance in accessing appropriate community services
- Transition to preschool services

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
SFUSD EARLY START PROGRAM

(415) 379-7667
PROGRAM INFORMATION

The San Francisco Unified School District Early Start Program provides family-centered services to families and their children ages birth to 36 months of age who have a solely low incidence disability: hearing, visual or severe orthopedic impairment or a combination thereof.

Parents are at the heart of each child’s program. They are their child’s first teacher, a primary decision maker, and partner in developing and implementing their child’s program plan.

Each child’s development is assessed and facilitated in the areas of communication, cognition, social-emotional, physical and self care/adaptive.

Individualized program plans are developed to meet the needs of each child and family through the IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan) process.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

• Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing
• Speech-Language Pathologists
• Physical Therapist
• Early Childhood Special Educators
• Classroom Paraprofessionals
• Educational Audiologist

ELIGIBILITY:

• Children birth to 36 months
• Children with a solely low incidence disability (hearing, visual, severe orthopedic impairment or a combination thereof)
• Family resides in San Francisco

FUNDING SOURCE:

• San Francisco Unified School District

HOME-BASED PROGRAM:

For infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months of age and their parents, our home-based team provides:

• support and education from time of the baby’s referral
• parent-baby play group
• initial and ongoing assessment and intervention in all areas of development
• age appropriate, cognitively-based curriculum
• accompany family to medical appointments including but not limited to audiologists, ophthalmologists, and orthopedic specialists

CENTER-BASED TODDLER CLASSES FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARING LOSS:

• TODDLER AUDITORY/ORAL CLASS (18-36 MONTHS)
Auditory-Oral (A/O) refers to a communication modality in which hearing is the primary means of understanding language and speech is the primary means of expressing language.

• TODDLER TOTAL COMMUNICATION CLASS (18-36 MONTHS)
Total Communication (TC) refers to a communication modality in which hearing and/or signs is the primary means of understanding language and speech and/or signs is the primary means of expressing language.