

Shasta County Special Education Local Plan Area
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Early Start services, as outlined in IDEA, Part C, ensure early intervention services to children with disabilities, ages birth through three years, and their families, in a coordinated family centered manner. Two lead agencies are responsible for these services: the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Other agencies such as the ROWELL Family Empowerment, Public Health, Social Services and Head Start collaborate with these lead agencies to meet the needs of eligible children and their families.

Within the Shasta County SELPA, Shasta County Superintendent of Schools provides services to eligible children through the Early Start Program. An interagency agreement has been developed between the SELPA, the participating LEAs, and the Far Northern Regional Center. This agreement outlines the process that is used by the involved agencies for identifying, referring, assessing, and serving eligible children. A copy of this agreement can be obtained by contacting the Shasta County SELPA office.