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IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

EARLY INTERVENTION ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

EARLY START COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERSONNEL PREPARATION PROJECT

FUNDED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
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# make a difference...



**In California,**  
more than 20,000  
infants and toddlers  
from birth to age 3  
receive special early  
intervention services  
because they have  
disabilities or other  
special needs.

**As a trained early intervention professional, you can work under the supervision of other early intervention professionals in a variety of settings in your own community—**child care, Head Start, and early care and education programs. There is a great demand for qualified personnel to work with infants and young children who have a disability in these and other child development programs.

*“Doing my Lab placement in early intervention has changed my view of working with children and families. The experience has actually changed my life and my career path.”*  
—Erin Gabel

*“Working with families at the tender time of early intervention has affected my view of the family system and has enriched my development.”*  
—Zenobia McLemoore

People who work with typically developing children and children who may be at risk or have a disability do it because they want to support the growth and development of children—they love watching their eyes widen when they discover something new, they love hearing them laugh when encouraged to do something for the very first time, and they love feeling hugs from these young children and their families when they’ve mastered something no one thought was possible.

**Your local community college can help you gain the special skills you need.** By enrolling in specific child development courses, you can learn about meeting the needs of children—all children, typical and atypical. If you choose to, you can receive information on planning courses that lead to an AA degree in addition to an Early Intervention Assistant Certificate. Your training also includes field experience, which may connect you to employment opportunities. And if you decide you want your career to go even further, you have a great foundation on which to build.

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