



WESTSIDE
REGIONAL CENTER

FAMILY WELCOME EXPERIENCE

COURSE CATALOG

Below is the list of topics covered in the Family Welcome Experience online course for EARLY START.



MODULE 1: FAMILY WELCOME EXPERIENCE

TRAINING 1.1: Welcome and Overview

Welcome to the course!

TRAINING 1.2: How to Use Xperiencify

Our goal is to provide you with information in the simplest of manners. We have created this video tutorial to help you navigate our online platform. After you watched the tutorial video, download and read through the entire "How to Use Xperiencify" handout to make sure you know how to use the online platform. Need help? Contact our support team via email at westsiderc5901@gmail.com from Monday – Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM.

TRAINING 1.3: How to Earn Points on Xperiencify

In order to finish the course, you must complete all "action" items in each training to earn points called, "XP's." Actions that earn XP's include watching videos, downloading materials, and/or viewing websites. Your goal is to complete all actions in order to earn your Certificate of Completion.

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MODULE 2: SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

TRAINING 2.1: Evaluations and Assessments for Early Start Intervention Services

Infants and toddlers (ages 0 to 36 months) referred to the regional center will receive a complete evaluation to assess if they have a developmental delay or disability. The results of the developmental evaluation will be used to determine the appropriate services and supports for the child and family based on their needs.

TRAINING 2.2: Occupational Therapy (OT)

This service is for children with developmental delays or a known physical or mental condition associated with a high probability of delays. Occupational therapy (OT) helps children with developing their fine motor skills (small-muscle movements made with the hands, fingers, and toes, such as grasping); visual-perceptual skills (the brain's ability to make sense of what the eyes see); cognitive (thinking) skills; and sensory-processing problems (the brain has trouble receiving and responding to information that comes in through the senses).

TRAINING 2.3: Physical Therapy (PT)

Children who have been injured or who have movement problems from an illness, disease, or disability may receive physical therapy (PT). Services may include a range of motion exercises, parent training, and assessment for equipment needs.

TRAINING 2.4: Speech and Language Therapy (ST)

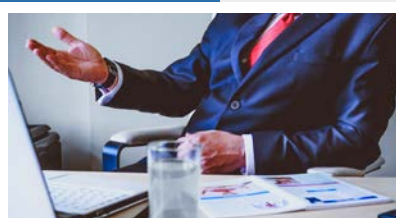
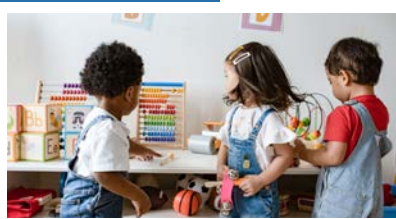
Speech and language therapy is the treatment for most kids with speech and/or language disorders. A speech disorder refers to a problem with making sounds. A language disorder refers to a problem understanding or putting words together to communicate ideas. Speech and Language Therapy services are designed to enhance one's ability to communicate with others.

TRAINING 2.5: Feeding Therapy (ST)

Feeding difficulties can be a common problem in children. This may include difficulty chewing and swallowing; pickiness or a limited number of accepted foods; reluctance to eat different textures and try new foods; rigid or challenging mealtime behaviors; and strong sensory preferences, sometimes refusing categories of food because of texture. Feeding therapy helps children learn how to eat or how to eat better.

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TRAINING 2.6: Infant Development Program Services

Infant Development Services are designed to aid in the developmental needs of children ages 0-5 years. Specialized instruction and parent education services may be provided at home or in a therapeutic preschool-type setting to address developmental needs. Parent observation and participation provide the family with the skills needed to address the child's needs on an ongoing basis.

MODULE 3: WESTSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE AND EMPOWERMENT CENTER (WFREC)

TRAINING 3.1: Welcome to the WFREC

The Westside Family Resource and Empowerment Center (WFREC) is housed within the same building and works in collaboration with the Westside Regional Center, local school districts, and community-based organizations that provide supports and services to children and their families. The WFREC is staffed by experienced parents and family members who are qualified to provide emotional, technical, and informational support to families who have an infant, child, or young adult with a disability, chronic illness, or other health care needs.

They offer a variety of support groups where parents have the opportunity to meet and learn from other parents. These groups are designed to provide information, resources, community, and hope. When families share common concerns and experiences, the support can be uniquely meaningful. They also sponsor training and workshops to help families learn how to understand and navigate the often-times complex systems of care in California.

MODULE 4: ADVOCACY

TRAINING 4.1: Special Education Advocacy

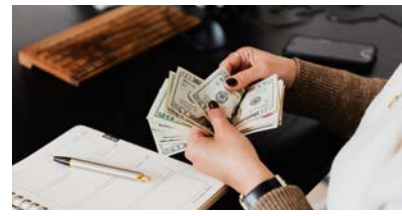
Learning how to navigate a new system can be overwhelming. That's why Westside has a team of professionals that can assist you along the way. Services are provided at no cost to you!

TRAINING 4.2: Appeal Process & Fair Hearing

There are 3 ways to appeal a regional center decision. Learn what they are and where to find helpful resources.

TRAINING 4.3: Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA)

The Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) is part of Disability Rights California. OCRA provides free legal information, advice, and representation to regional center clients. OCRA serves clients of all 21 regional centers throughout California. There is a Clients' Rights Advocate (CRA) serving each regional center.



MODULE 5: GENERIC AND COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES

TRAINING 5.1: In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program will help pay for services to allow older adults and individuals with disabilities who need assistance, to receive non-medical care in their homes if they cannot otherwise safely remain in their homes. This video will provide an overview of the types of services offered; provide suggestions on the types of information you should collect for the application and how to keep yourself organized; how to submit your application and what to expect at the home visit; next steps; and your right to appeal if you disagree with a decision made.

TRAINING 5.2: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI provides monthly payments to adults and children with a disability or blindness and who have income and resources below specified amounts. SSI payments can also be made to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits.

TRAINING 5.3: CalFresh

CalFresh, formerly known as “Food Stamps”, provides monthly food benefits to individuals and families with low-income. CalFresh benefits stretch food budgets, allowing individuals and families to afford nutritious food, including fruits, vegetables, bread, cereals, beans, meat, fish, poultry, milk, dairy products, etc.

TRAINING 5.4: CalABLE

An Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account is a tax-advantaged savings account for an individual with a disability. You can use an ABLE account to save funds for many disability-related expenses such as those for education, housing, transportation, employment training, employment support, assistive technology, and related services. The money that you have in your ABLE account (up to and including \$100,000) does not count as a resource under SSI rules.

TRAINING 5.5: Transportation

The following transportation services are available to the general public. There may be eligibility requirements that need to be met in order to access these services.

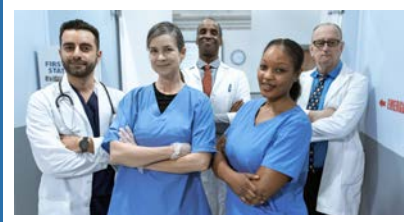
TRAINING 5.6: Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

CAPI provides cash benefits to aged, blind or disabled legal immigrants who are not eligible for Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) solely due to their immigration status.

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MODULE 5: GENERIC AND COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES (CONTINUED)



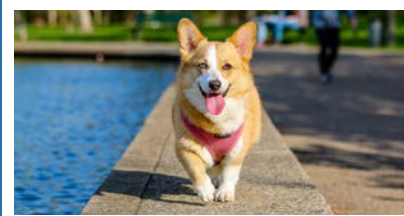
TRAINING 5.7: Medi-Cal, My Health LA and Other Health Programs

Are you in need of free or low-cost health care coverage? Do you need help finding health programs to cover the cost of special healthcare needs? Or, do you need free or low-cost health prevention services (eye care, family planning, cancer detection) for yourself or your family?



TRAINING 5.8: Housing & Rental Assistance

Learn about programs that assist individuals, families, the elderly and persons with disabilities find a place to live at a low cost.



TRAINING 5.9: Homeless Services

Are you homeless or at risk of homelessness? Or do you know of someone who may need help in finding a safe place to stay? Learn about community organizations or homeless service providers in your local area that may assist you.

TRAINING 5.10: Assistance Dog Special Allowance Program

The Assistance Dog Special Allowance Program provides a monthly payment of \$50 to eligible persons who use a guide, signal, or service dog to help them with their disability-related needs.

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