



The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Part C Project



The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project is a new initiative introduced by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in 2021 for targeted and culturally sensitive outreach. This is a pilot project to increase Early Start enrollment for children from communities with low participation rates in Early Start, specifically families experiencing homelessness, families that are fearful of accessing services due to their immigration status, or both.

With funding from DDS, the San Diego Regional Center will collaborate with community-based partners in San Diego and Imperial County to engage families through child-find activities and scheduled events to participate in the on-site screening.

Each family will receive a diaper bag filled with diapers, wipes, and a changing pad for participating in the screening.

The SDRC team has identified several community partners and is working toward establishing connections for event collaboration.

The team's responsibilities on the day of events will include gathering basic demographic information, providing materials in their threshold language as requested by families, and ensuring a means of contact for follow-up.

Throughout the project, SDRC will be required to collect, track, and examine data, provide DDS with data reports, and meet regularly with their representatives regarding the progress.