#### Early Start Resource Center

Parents and families discover first-hand the journey, the joys and the challenges of nurturing their children with special needs while still maintaining family routines, relationships and activities.

The support and information provided by Early Start Resource Center helps to reduce the feeling of being overwhelmed by that of new parents. ESRC respects each family's unique culture and preferences.

We form partnerships in which we have a shared view of the child's strengths and needs.

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## Mission and Vision Statement

Exceptional Family Center/Early Start Resource Center is committed to helping families and individuals with Intellectual and/ or Developmental Disabilities find programs and services that meet their needs through collaboration, education, empowerment and mutual support.

Our vision is for Exceptional Family Center/Early Start Resource Center to assist families to access key resources, identify and overcome cultural barriers that impede families to obtain resources and create a collaborative network of effective advocates.

## Early Start Resource Center

- Leadership Opportunities for Parents
- Monthly Parent-to-Parent and Family Support meetings.
- Parent Training Education.
- Resource Materials.
- Community Outreach and Activities.
- Transition Assistance for Families to inform them about a wide variety of community service options.
- Social and Emotional Support



# Information Dissemination

- Monthly Newsletter
- Social Media Platforms
- Public Awareness
- Interactive Learning Center
- Outreach to schools, local hospitals and clinics.
- Collaborative partnership with Kern Regional Center for family strengthening and support.