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CREATING SOLUTIONS,  
CHANGING LIVES FOR OVER  
80 YEARS . . .

*Since 1919, Easter Seals Northern California has helped tens of thousands of children and adults who are disabled or have special needs.*

Easter Seals continues to change lives today. The organization was founded by Edgar Allen, a Rotarian who lost his young son in a street-car accident.

The loss inspired Allen to raise funds for a hospital just for crippled children. But many of the beds remained empty because families wanted to be close to their children.

Allen realized a network of community-based services was needed. Soon the predecessor to the Easter Seals Society was born.

In 1934, the Society began to conduct a campaign of Easter lily seals to raise money. It was so successful that the Society renamed itself the Easter Seal Society. Today we are known simply as Easter Seals.



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HOW CAN YOU MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE?

- ◆ Honor and remember a friend or loved one with a Memorial Contribution to Easter Seals Northern California.
- ◆ Remember Easter Seals in your will and make a gift that will keep on giving even when you no longer can.
- ◆ Look for and support Easter Seals events like Day on the Bay, Eureka Telethon, Golf Tournaments and Spring Formal Dance, throughout the year.
- ◆ Volunteer your time. You can help plan a fundraising event, teach a special class or help us answer phones in the office. You won't forget the experience.



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# PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

*Easter Seals provides individualized services that enable children and adults with disabilities to gain the skills, access and support they need to reach their full potential. Every day, people of all ages take advantage of our diverse, community-based programs and services.*

## Early Intervention

Research shows that 60 percent of all brain development occurs between birth and three years old. Without early intervention, at-risk infants are much more likely to require special education services later.

Easter Seals Early Intervention programs provide support in the child's natural environment. Home-based one on one intervention stimulates the child's language, gross and fine motor control and self-help skills.

Early intervention specialists also act as an important information source, guide to community resources, listener and educator for the child and parents.



## Child Find Linkages

Under this project, Easter Seals child development specialists visit family child care homes, helping to promote typical developmental, health or behavioral needs and link families and child care providers to additional community resources.

The program also provides assistance to families who wish to follow up on referrals made by the visiting specialists and works to increase the availability of inclusive child care in the community.



## Transportation Services

The Verna Morris Memorial Travel Funds offer stipends to families of children with disabilities who need to access medical care and related services outside of Lake County.

Travel fund "A" provides financial assistance to families of children with disabilities ages birth to 18 years. Travel fund "B" focuses on children ages birth to 5 years with or without disabilities.

## Child Care Consulting Health Linkages

The Health Linkages program works in child care facilities as part of a national research effort to identify the benefits of using health care professionals in child care settings.

Health consultants respond to a toll free health line for child care providers, provide on site visits and health related consultation as well as staff, parent and community training. Early identification and full inclusion of children with special needs is also a focus of the program.



## Early Head Start

Easter Seals provides health and disability consultation and coordination to the local Early Head Start Program, helping them integrate children with disabilities. Early Head Start serves children between birth and 3 years of age.

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