



The pathway
to success in
education
starts before
your child
is 5 years old

Tribal Early Education & Outreach Program

In the first 5 years of life, a child's brain grows and absorbs more information than at any other time. Children reach many milestones in how they play, learn, speak, and move.

For more information
please call toll free

1-855-353-KIDS (5437)

Or email

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*A developmental screening is a questionnaire that a caregiver can complete that provides more information about how a child is growing and learning and how that child's development can continue to be encouraged and supported.

With our program you can:

- ✓ Get information about how your child develops and learns
- ✓ Get tools you can use in your role as your child's first and most important teacher
- ✓ Get connections to activities, resources, and services in your area
- ✓ Ask our developmental experts specific questions about your child
- ✓ Complete a **FREE & CONFIDENTIAL** developmental screening* at Tribal.CTCHelpsKids.org (password: tribal) or contact us to make arrangements for in-person or phone screenings



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Dear Community Partners,

Northern California Children's Therapy Center, with generous support from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, is excited to announce the launch of our Tribal Early Education and Outreach program.

Education and health research overwhelmingly demonstrates that early education, early identification of developmental difficulties, and appropriate early intervention have a direct impact on positive educational, social/emotional, employment, and health outcomes. While efforts in CA early identification and intervention systems have increased by mandating developmental screenings and preschool for all children, the existing systems have longstanding flaws. The native populations remain extraordinarily under-identified, and thus, underserved. The COVID-19 pandemic has only magnified the inequities in access to services for children and families, and the need for innovative early education and identification.

California has one of the lowest developmental screening and early intervention rates in the country. While 18% of the state's children have a developmental delay or disability, only 3% of children receive early intervention by age three. This correlates to CA's low screening rates: just 26% of children are screened three times before age three, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Children of color and those living in low-income households are less likely to be screened than white children and those living in higher-income households. This gap is shown to be even greater for the American Indian population.

In response to this gap in access, the Tribal Early Education and Outreach Program was created with a mission provide the early screening and learning opportunities, specifically to native children in our region ages 0-5. Our Tribal Early Education and Outreach Program is staffed by experienced developmental experts who are trained and dedicated to serve the tribal communities.

Below is a comprehensive list of the 100% free and confidential services that our Tribal Early Education and Outreach Program offers:

- Developmental screenings to provide early identification of red flags in developmental skills.
 - Parents can complete this online. It takes 20-30 minutes and can be started at any time on any computer or mobile device.
 - **Start the online screening at: [Tribal.CTCHelpsKids.org](https://tribal.ctchelpskids.org) (Password: Tribal)**
 - The screening can also be done over the phone or in person with our developmental professionals by calling **1.855.353.KIDS (5437)** or emailing **Tribal@ctchelpskids.org**
 - Our developmental professionals interpret results immediately & provide feedback within 1-2 business days of the screening.
- Education for families regarding the results and meaning of the screenings
- Education for the families on the value of early education and intervention
- Requested referrals for any early intervention or support services identified as an areas of need for the family
- Guidance and advocacy through the process of accessing needed supports
- Identification of gaps and barriers to accessing needed supports
- Follow-up every 3-6 months, as requested or indicated.

If you want more information, would like to complete a screening, or make a referral for a family who may benefit from our services please contact the program manager, Liz Sardinias, at **1.855.353.KIDS (5437)** or **Liz.Sardinias@ctchelpskids.org**. We look forward to working with you to make early education and intervention available for ALL children.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Michel-Albers".

Christina Michel-Albers, Executive Director