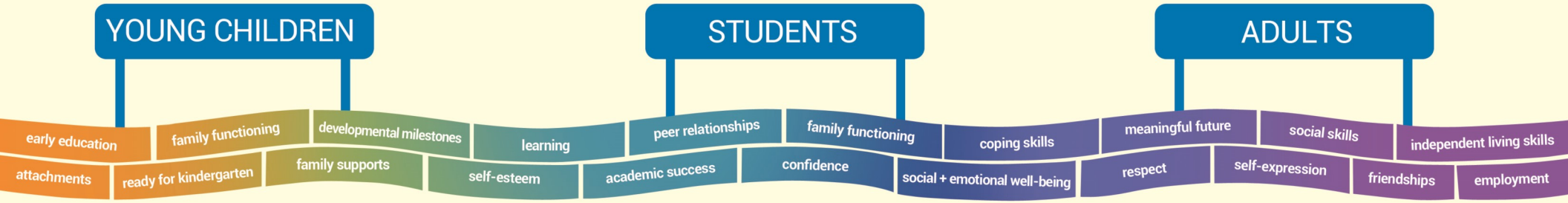
Lifespan of Services



ECF's Early Start program is one of the first in its kind in Los Angeles County, and the scope of its services encompasses the children's families. Designed for children birth to age three with special needs, the outcomes of Early Start are impressive: better motor and cognitive skills, improved communication, and enhanced overall daily living capabilities.

Families benefit as well. In a recent parent survey, 100% of respondents felt that participating in Early Start increased their capacity to enhance their child's development.

Services for participants and families include:

- Speech, physical and occupational therapy
- Medical assessment and access
- Referrals and advocacy
- Socialization and structured play
- Nutritional assistance
- Parent education and training
- Counseling and mentoring
- Case management

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Our **Kayne Eras Center** is a comprehensive educational and therapeutic service center.

The Kayne Eras School is a nonpublic K-12 school that partners with LAUSD and many other local school districts. A WASC-accredited school, Kayne Eras offers a general education curriculum for diploma-track and college bound students, as well as an alternate curriculum track for students requiring a modified educational program.

An integrative team approach includes highly qualified teachers, counselors, education therapists and speech/language/occupational therapists working one-on-one and in classroom settings to best meet each student's needs and goals. A Title One reading specialist is on-site for assessments and support; an Enrichment program offers performing and visual arts, technology, league sports community service and multi-cultural programming; and vocational training is available via internships with local businesses, volunteer opportunities and in partnership with local community colleges. Kayne Eras School graduates transition into two- and four-year colleges, trade schools or community jobs, or enroll in ECF adult programs.

Mental Health Services provide individual, group and family treatment for students and their families. Licensed therapists helps students overcome complex issues that create barriers to their academic success, while also supporting their family members in improving overall family functioning.

Services for students and families include:

- Specialized educational services
- Educational therapy
- Speech and language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Behavioral therapy
- Therapeutic arts and enrichment activities
- Academic field trips and outdoor activities
- Pre-vocational training
- School counseling
- Comprehensive mental health services
- Medical evaluation and management

ECF offers an array of services designed to help adults build their skills, confidence and independence, with the goal of increasing their integration into the community.

Art Centers Program provides instruction in a variety of media and partners with galleries, museums and other organizations to connect artists to the greater art community. Art can be purchased at artECForg.

Developmental Activity Center provides participants with opportunities to strengthen their independence, social skills and self-determination, all with respect for each person's ability level. Community integration experiences and field trips are also offered.

Exceptional Community Connections offers meaningful volunteer opportunities in which participants can integrate into the community.

Individual Pathways provides transition plans to help adults integrate into the community via employment or volunteering.

Exceptional Works is a continuum of work development and training services that create *Pathways to Employment,* including:

- ***Accelerated Preparation Program*** offers ongoing life-skills training and paid work for participants whose work productivity is lower than average (75%).
- ***Work Readiness*** is a classroom-based approach that teaches participants the skills needed to find and keep a job.
- ***Exceptional Packaging Solutions*** offers paid, on-the-job training fulfilling packaging and assembly contract work from gov't agencies and local businesses.
- ***Exceptional Training Academy*** offers hands-on, specialized vocational training in computer literacy, janitorial services, culinary arts and warehouse operations.
- ***College Classroom Program,*** in partnership with educational institutions, provides in-class support to adult students to help them successful complete vocational training courses such as Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machine Operator training—a high-demand position in aerospace and manufacturing.
- ***Exceptional Employment Solutions*** helps adults obtain and retain community-based jobs that pay fair market wages. The program provides businesses with reliable, long-term employees, trained and supported by ECF at no cost to them.

Residential Services Program provides housing, life skills training and personal support for adults with developmental disabilities to live as independently as possible.