



Harbor Regional Center Service Policy
FAMILY LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES

Family Life Support Services are designed to assist a parent to provide safe and effective care and supervision for his/her child. Family life support services are designed for those Harbor Regional Center clients who are also parents and include, as part of supported living services, training and information about infant/toddler:

1. Growth and Development;
2. Health and Wellness;
3. Feeding and Nutrition;
4. Communication/building the parent child relationship;
5. Positive discipline; and
6. Child safety/accident prevention

Harbor Regional Center believes that every child deserves the opportunity to live with his or her own parents, whenever possible. When one or both parents also have a developmental disability, keeping the family together may require the assistance of others. Harbor Regional Center is committed, whenever possible, to providing the needed services and supports which will assist children of parents with a developmental disability to grow and develop safely in the family home.

Harbor Regional Center may provide family life support services only pursuant to the following criteria:

1. For people with developmental disabilities who are parents and who are not living with a caregiver; and
2. When the child is living the same household with the developmentally disabled parent or is scheduled to return to the household within a 30 day period; and
3. After all natural supports (family members, friends, neighbors, etc.) and generic supports (adult education, parenting classes, etc.) have been fully utilized; and
4. For a time-limited period beginning several months prior to a child's birth and continuing only during the child's infant and toddler years.

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