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Get to Know the Early Start Neighborhood
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Have you ever wished that there was an online "one-stop shop" where you could find information and resources on Early Start best practices, and connect with other Early Start professionals across California? If you answered "yes," then you need to know about the Early Start Neighborhood! Administered by the Department of Developmental Services and the WestEd Center for Prevention & Early Intervention, the Early Start Neighborhood features carefully curated resources on early intervention for parents and professionals, plus online communities where you can interact with your peers throughout the state. If you've never heard of the Neighborhood, or want to learn how to easily navigate to find what you need, this session is for you!

By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- Navigate the Early Start Neighborhood website to find the resources you need in your daily work.
- Describe to colleagues the purpose of the Neighborhood and how to navigate it.
- Utilize the resources on the Neighborhood on a regular basis to access and share best practices in early Intervention.



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Jennifer Teykaerts is the Service Systems and Coordination Content Specialist with the WestEd Center for Prevention & Early Intervention (CPEI). Jennifer joined CPEI in April 2016 after working in the Early Start and Health Service Section of the Department of Developmental Services. Under the Early Start Comprehensive System of Personnel Development, Jennifer supports training and technical assistance programs to ensure that California Early Start personnel are appropriately trained and qualified and have the knowledge and skills to provide quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families, consistent with federal law. In her free time, Jennifer is passionate about volunteering in her community; in 2016, Jennifer was recognized as one of Sacramento Business Journal's "40 Under 40", honoring individuals under 40 for their outstanding professional accomplishments and community involvement.



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