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NEW Early Head Start Program in Alameda County

Homebased Program Scheduled to begin MAY 2010

Through the Looking Glass (TLG) has been selected as a new Early Head Start grantee in **Alameda County**, for a specialized center and home-based program focusing on services to families with disabilities. Participants in the Early Head Start program will include expectant mothers and fathers with diverse disabilities or who already have a child with a disability; parenting grandparents/caregivers with disabilities and their children 0-3; and infants and children 0-3 who have disabilities, medical issues, or developmental concerns. It is anticipated that these services will result in materials and training that will be helpful to EHS practice nationally.

TLG is the most experienced disability culture-based agency in the U.S. to provide early intervention/developmental services, and family support. Since its founding in 1982 it has pioneered infant mental health, family mental health and developmental services which integrate disability adaptations and resources for families in which child or parent has a disability or medical issue. The agency has been funded by NIDRR, U.S. Department of Education as the only national center for parents with disabilities and their families since 1993.

The new infant and toddler center will be part of the **Ed Roberts Campus** at a transit hub, the Ashby BART station in Berkeley. The campus is a model of universal design, will have many empowerment-oriented resources for people with disabilities. TLG's Early Head Start Program will integrate babies and toddlers with and without disabilities and provide "one stop shopping" for families with disabilities.

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