



Easter Seals Superior California

a lifetime of help for people with disabilities

From newborns to seniors, [Easter Seals Superior California](#) helps people with both acquired and developmental disabilities build the skills to enjoy equal opportunity to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

Founded in 1922 in Stockton, Easter Seals Superior California began as the California Society for Crippled Children and merged with other chapters in 1992 to form the second largest Easter Seals affiliate in the state, covering 13 counties. Last year, the team provided direct services to 2,800 families and referrals to 5,300 families.

“While each Easter Seals works to meet the needs of the local community, our affiliate’s programs span the entire life spectrum from one week old and up,” said Gary Novak, vice president of marketing and development.

The group’s pediatric program includes various facilities that provide early intervention services for children ages 0-3 both in home and at their main campus, services for school age children, services specifically designed for children with autism and an intensive physical therapy program for children with neuromuscular disorders like cerebral palsy.

“Studies have shown that for every dollar spent on early intervention, seven dollars is saved in therapy costs down the road,” Novak said.

For adults, there are a variety of day programs that help people with disabilities connect to their community and learn independent living skills. Easter Seals also provides Help to Recovery, which focuses on rehabilitation for traumatic brain injuries.

For people with physical disabilities, Easter Seals provides warm water therapy through its aquatics program. Four hundred people use the warm water pool every week, and UC Davis’ bioengineering group has built aquatics equipment for the pool including an aquatics wheelchair. The UC Davis team is now working on an underwater treadmill.

Easter Seals also offers a work services program that teaches people employment skills and provides paid work opportunities in shredding, collating, laundry, tent cleaning, landscaping and more. The team recently completed a collation project for the California Department of Fish and Game.

“We are grateful to our community for supporting the breadth of programs and services we provide,” Novak said. “Please continue to donate and volunteer at our events – you make such a difference.”

For more information about Easter Seals, visit www.MyEasterSeals.org.

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