

ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILDREN'S SART GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Alameda County service providers have a responsibility to ensure that screening, assessment, referral and treatment of young children at risk for developmental challenges are provided in a nurturing fashion which respects the cultural, ethnic and linguistic needs of our residents and builds on family strengths
2. Services for young children in our county should be easily accessible with many points of entry and "no wrong door"
3. Children have a right to appropriate services to help support their development regardless of insurance coverage, ability to pay, or immigration status
4. Families should be supported through all steps of the process in obtaining necessary services to enhance their child's development (screening, assessment, referral and treatment)
5. All SART services must be grounded in best practices and meet quality standards
6. Principles of equity and social justice must be considered when developing priorities for whom will have access to any new services developed