

Resource	Ages	Eligibility/Services	Referral Process/Contact Info	Wait time
Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC)	<3 yo	<p>Evaluation for all children with suspected developmental delay or autism spectrum disorder.</p> <p>Eligible for therapy and other services if GGRC evaluation shows delays of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Referred before 24m:</i> >33% delay in 1 domain • <i>Referred at 24 -35m:</i> >50% in 1 domain or>33% in 2 domains • Specific risk factor for delay (see referral form) 	<p>Fax Early Start referral form to 888-339-3306</p> <p>Tel: (888) 339-3305 Email: intake@ggrc.org</p> <p>1355 Market St, Ste 220, 94103</p>	45 days max, by law
	3+ yo	Significant impairment due to mental retardation, epilepsy, autism, cerebral palsy, or similar condition	Fax Ongoing Intake referral form. Same contact info as above.	120 days max, by law
SFUSD	<3 yo	Isolated vision, hearing or severe orthopedic impairment only.	Refer to SFUSD Early Start. Contact Jeanne Tillemans (415) 379-7667	
	3-5 yo	<p>Developmental assessment for all children with suspected or known developmental or behavioral issues.</p> <p>Ongoing services for students who will receive educational benefit from Special Education services.</p>	<p>Refer to Preschool Intake Unit (415) 379-7693 (415) 750-8690 fax 750 25th Ave, 94121</p> <p>Family must complete and submit the Preschool Intake questionnaire. They need to include a copy of the child's birth certificate and two proofs of residency. .</p>	<p>60 days</p> <p><i>Limited services over summer break.</i></p>
	School-age	Same as above	<p>If attending SFUSD, family must submit a letter to their child's school requesting an evaluation.</p> <p>If in private school/not attending SFUSD, contact the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Psycho-educational assessment:</i> Sheila McNeely, lead psychologist, (415) 379-7607 • <i>Isolated speech delay:</i> Sarah Cragg, lead SLP (415) 379-7641 • <i>Other (OT, etc):</i> (415) 379-7656 	<p>60 days</p> <p><i>Limited services over summer break.</i></p>
SFGH Multi-Disciplinary Assessment Clinic (MDAC)	0-5 yo 6+ yo - CHN patients only	Diagnosis/Assessment for all SF residents 0-5 and for SFGH/ COPC patients 6+ and up. Limited "bridge" therapy for patients who are awaiting evaluation and services from GGRC/SFUSD.	<p>eReferral or fax MDAC referral form to (415) 206-6302.</p> <p>Tel: (415) 206-6129</p>	1-2 months for evaluation

Audiology Referral List: When referring for speech and language delay, consider an audiology referral as well.

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Hearing & Speech Center of Northern California Accepts SFHP and Fee-for - Service Medi-Cal. Does not accept Anthem Blue Cross. Shortest wait times, and can evaluate very young children.	415-921-7658 415-921-2243 fax	0-21	Cantonese	Fax referral and pre-authorization	<1 month	1234 Divisadero St, 94115
UCSF Audiology Anthem Blue Cross, SFHP, FFS Medi-Cal, <i>Can evaluate young children</i>	415-353-2101 415-353-2883 fax	0-18	Spanish, Cantonese	Fax referral and pre-authorization	2 months	2330 Post St, Suite 270, 94115
SFGH Audiology Anthem BC, SFHP, FFS Medi-Cal, <i>Cooperative patients ages 6 and up</i>	415-206-5476 415-206-4256 fax	6+ yrs	Spanish staff, interpreters available	eReferral or fax paper referral.	6 to 12 months	1001 Potrero Avenue, 4M, 4th Fl, Suite 94110

SFUSD Referral Tips from Dr. Jeanne Lee, CHDP Medical Director

- **For preschoolers (3-5 years, and not enrolled in SFUSD):** give families the SFUSD Preschool Intake Questionnaire to complete and submit to the school district's Pre-K Intake Unit. An online copy is available in English, Chinese and Spanish at the SFMS Pediatric Advisory Council website (www.sfms.org/ForPhysicians/PediatricResources). Parents will also need to submit two proofs of residency and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Consider hand-delivering or using certified mail to have written documentation of the date of the request, as SFUSD must evaluate the child within 45 days of the request.
- **For children already in school (K-12):** the family needs to submit a letter to their child's school requesting an evaluation. A referral from the physician is not enough, nor is a verbal request by the family. The letter should be given by the parents to the principal or child's teacher.
- **Have parents sign an authorization for the release of information,** requesting that the SFUSD assessment and IEP be sent to you. Give the family a copy of the signed consent to submit with their request. You are unlikely to hear back from SFUSD without this. Keep a copy for your records. Your clinic staff may need to fax it to the front-line worker at SFUSD when they call SFUSD to follow-up.
- **Refer before mid-March.** Once the family sends in their letter or Pre-K packet requesting evaluation with the supporting documentation, SFUSD has 45-60 days to complete the evaluation. Summer vacation when SFUSD is closed does not count toward the timeline. If the letter requesting evaluation is received in April, the child will not be assessed until the fall.
- **Advise parents to be proactive and call frequently.** They should not wait for SFUSD to call them. Especially over the summer, the squeaky wheel gets the assessment.

Other Clinics That Accept Medi-Cal:

- **CPMC Kalmanovitz Child Development Center** (limited language capacity and long wait times of up to 6 months)
 - **Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics, UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Medicine** (specializes in ADHD, autism and related disorders. Will prescribe conventional medicine such as stimulants)
 - **UCSF Pediatric Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology Clinic.**
 - **UCSF Autism and NeuroGenetic Clinic (research-focused)**
- The UCSF Autism Clinic and Hyperactivity, Attention, and Learning Problems (HALP) Clinic, both based at Langley Porter, do not accept Medi-Cal. Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) agencies like OMI Family Center and Chinatown Child Development Center cannot do evaluations. for autism or developmental delay.