

FACT SHEET: EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES (BIRTH - AGE 3)

Children develop at different paces, but there are developmental milestones that children should reach by certain times during the first three years of their lives.

Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, act, and move.

Track developmental milestones using
CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." resources

Contact Early Intervention if:

- there are concerns about a child's development and/or
- your child has a diagnosis with a high probability of developmental delay



ACCESSING EI SERVICES

- Call **1-888-653-4463**
- Talk to a Service Coordinator
- Provide consent
- Schedule an evaluation

A DOCTOR'S REFERRAL IS
NOT NEEDED TO ACCESS
EARLY INTERVENTION
SERVICES!



All toddlers transition from EI at age 3...
...to a typical preschool program or
...to a special education preschool program
If EI has helped a toddler "catch up" with non-disabled peers and they do not need special education or related services, they may not be eligible for preschool special education services.



Learn more:

When I Am 3 Where Will I Be?
Family Transition Handbook

IMPORTANT FACTS

Early Intervention Services are provided:

- To address a delay in development as early as possible
- Based upon an evaluation and assessment
- To meet the needs of a child and family as described in an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- By qualified practitioners in settings where young children without disabilities are typically found, such as at home or in early childhood settings.

Cost to Families

- Evaluation, assessment, IFSP development and review and service coordination are provided at **no cost** to families.
- Other EI services may require a family co-payment based upon income and family size.

Telehealth Options

- IFSP or other team meetings may be held virtually
- Families continue to have the option for EI services to be delivered via telehealth
- Families have access to multiple procedural safeguards, including the right to give or refuse consent.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

- Contact SPAN Parent Advocacy Network for Individual Assistance, Learning Opportunities and Resources
- Early Intervention: Step by Step Beginning the Journey - Video overview
- Recorded SPAN Info Session with NJEIS
- NJ Early Intervention Information for Families



**Check out these
Telehealth Tips**