



EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES BIRTH TO FIVE

Serving Howard County families with children, birth to age 5, who have delays or disabilities

If you are concerned about your child's development, help is available.



participate more fully in their daily routines. Services take place in the child's home or other settings where your child spends time, and focus on development of functional skills and school readiness. A coordinated program of services for children over 3 years of age is designed with families to promote school readiness during typical preschool activities in early childhood environments.



Does your child do the following things like other children the same age?

- Relate with adults
- Relate with other children
- Follow rules related to groups
- Take care of basic needs or ask for assistance
- Move from place to place to participate in daily activities
- Learn new skills and use these skills to play
- Speak clearly and communicate wants and needs

If you have concerns, help is available.

What services are provided?

Qualified teachers, community health nurses, and/or therapists will conduct an assessment of your child's development and school readiness skills with input from family members and others who spend time with your child. If it is determined that your child is eligible for services, an individualized plan for intervention is developed with the family. A coordinated program of services for children under 3 is designed to provide coaching to family members and caregivers so they can help the child

What are the goals of the Early Intervention Services?

Early intervention promotes school readiness skills. For all children, these include:

- Developing positive social/emotional skills.
- Acquiring and using knowledge and skills.
- Using appropriate behaviors to meet needs.

Early intervention also addresses the unique needs of each child and the priorities and concerns of their families.

Early Intervention Services help families to:

- Identify their child's needs.
- Support and promote their child's development.
- Include their child in their family and community life.

Who is involved?

Early intervention and special education services may be provided by staff from the Howard County Public School System, Howard County Health Department, and Howard County Department of Social Services.

How to Refer

For children under 3 years of age:

Infants and Toddlers Program
EarlyInterventionServices@hcpss.org
referral website <https://referral.mditp.org/>
410-313-7017

For children 3 to 5 years of age:

Child Find Program
County Diagnostic Center
childfind@hcpss.org

410-313-7046

For More Detailed Information

Find out more about Special Education services in the Howard County Public School System at: <https://www.hcpss.org/specialeducation/>

Services are provided at no cost to all eligible children and families.



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