



# Infants and Toddlers Program for Birth–3



**The goal of early intervention for children ages birth–3 is to support the entire family, including the child with developmental delays.**

Our work with families includes identifying needs, promoting child participation, providing information and resources. We work with children in promoting their growth in the areas of engagement, independence, and school readiness.

## What if I have concerns about my child's development?

Acting early on developmental concerns can make a real difference for your child and your family! If you're concerned about your child's development, don't wait. You know your child best.

If you live in Howard County and have concerns about your child's development in any area, please submit a self-referral on-line, call or email us.

For children under 3 years of age make a self-referral on-line, call, or email us:

<https://referral.mditp.org>

410-313-7017

[earlyinterventionservices@hcpss.org](mailto:earlyinterventionservices@hcpss.org)

We provide free services to eligible children and families.



Please scan this code for more information.

## What happens next?

After making the referral, an appointment will be made for an evaluation in your home to determine if your child qualifies for early intervention services.

If eligible, a Routines-Based Interview will be scheduled. This will be approximately two hours and will help turn your concerns and priorities into real-life, functional outcomes you can work on throughout your everyday activities. An Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed to document these outcomes.



## Who provides services?

Our early intervention teams consist of:

- Special educators
- Speech-language therapists
- Occupational therapists
- Physical therapists
- Social workers
- Nurses
- Psychologists

The Infants and Toddlers team will select a primary provider based upon each family's individual needs.



## When and where are the services provided?

Services are typically provided during a weekday in the child's natural environment, such as home, childcare, preschool, or any community setting. Sessions initially consist of a weekly 45-minute visit. They may be increased or decreased to meet the needs of the family.

## What to expect during visit:

Our team of professionals visit the family or caregiver- not just the child- to build upon the family's ability to impact the child's learning and development.

We encourage families to help identify everyday experiences and interactions that will support progress.



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