

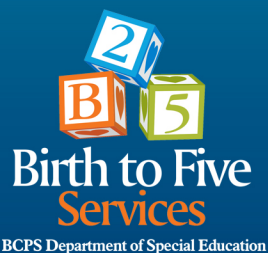


Why does Early Intervention Work?

The frame work of early intervention is based on the understanding that learning for young children takes place in the context of relationships and routines that are part of their everyday lives. By partnering with families to identify their priorities, early intervention services focus on the activities and routines that children and families enjoy doing every day. These everyday activities create frequent opportunities for children to practice and learn new skills that can increase their independence in their homes and community settings. Creating a meaningful partnership between early intervention providers and families will strengthen the impact families have in promoting their children's learning and development.



Additional information can be found on the Baltimore County School System website:
http://www.bcps.org/offices/special_ed/birthtofive.html



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For more parent resources and information, visit:
<http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/MITP/index.aspx>



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What is the INFANTS & TODDLERS PROGRAM?

The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers is an early intervention program that serves families with children under three years of age presenting with developmental delays or disabilities. Research based early intervention services are coordinated based upon the needs and priorities identified by the family. Services are provided at no cost to families.



What is the Process?

- The process begins by making a referral. Referrals can be made by calling the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers office at 443-809-2169 or by making an online referral <https://referral.mdtp.org/Referral.html>.
- Referrals can be made by parents, health care providers, child care providers, social workers, family members, and other individuals familiar with the child's development.
- Once a referral is made, the local Infants and Toddlers site will contact the family directly to plan for an initial evaluation to determine eligibility.
- If your child is determined eligible for the Infants and Toddlers program an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed.



Who is Eligible for Services?

- Children demonstrating a 25% delay in one or more areas of development.
- Children demonstrating atypical development in one or more areas of development.
- Children with a diagnosed condition placing them at risk for developmental delays.

What is Early Intervention?

Early intervention is a system of supports and services identified for eligible children with developmental delays or disabilities. Services are based upon the outcomes families have identified for their child. Service providers partner with families to build upon existing skills and strategies that promote a child's participation in everyday activities.

Early intervention helps children to:

- Develop positive social/emotional skills
- Acquire and use knowledge and skills
- Use appropriate behaviors to meet needs

Early intervention services also help families to:

- Understand their rights
- Communicate their child's needs and family priorities
- Promote the development of their child's pre-academic and functional skills

What is Early Intervention?

- Services are identified to address individual priorities identified by the family.
- Service providers partner with a child's family to identify strategies that promote the development of skills and behaviors children use to engage and participate in activities that are naturally occurring throughout the day.

Service providers work with the child and family in their home, day care or other community setting.



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