

Early Intervention services are available in Minnesota for children from birth to age 3.

Who can get early intervention services?

An infant or toddler under the age of three is eligible for early intervention services if the child:

1. Meets the criteria for any of the special education disability categories:

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)	Physical Impairments
Deaf-Blind	Severely Multiple Impairments
Emotional or Behavioral Disorders	Specific Learning Disability
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	Speech or Language Impairments
Developmental Cognitive Disability	Visual Impairments
Other Health Disabilities	Traumatic Brain Injury
Developmental Delay (until the age of 7)	

Or

2. The child meets one of the following criteria for developmental delay:
 - a. The child is experiencing a developmental delay that is demonstrated by a score of 1.5 standard deviations or more below the mean, as measured by the appropriate assessment and evaluation procedures, in one or more of the following areas:
 - Cognitive development;
 - Physical development, including vision and hearing;
 - Communication development;
 - Social or emotional development;
 - Adaptive development

Or

- b. The child has a diagnosed physical or mental condition or disorder with a high probability of resulting in a delay, regardless of whether the child is currently demonstrating a need or delay.

What kinds of services are available through early intervention?

Services are based on the child and family's needs and priorities. Parents are essential team members in the decision-making process of identifying services for their family. Core services at no cost to the family include:

- Identification and referral
- Screening
- Evaluation
- Assessment
- Service coordination
- Early Childhood Special Education and related services (i.e. transportation, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech services)

Who provides early intervention services?

Early intervention services are provided by many agencies/persons and are coordinated through a plan called an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

How do I access early intervention?

For more information on early intervention, to locate your local early intervention office or to request a referral, call 1-866-693-4769.

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