

What is the Infants and Toddlers Program?

The Infants and Toddlers program is an interagency program providing early intervention services to eligible children from birth to age 3 and their families. This program focuses on Early Childhood Outcomes:

- building positive social relationships
- acquiring and using knowledge and skills to participate in activities
- using appropriate behaviors to meet needs leading to increased independence

The Child Outcomes Summary process requires a comparison of the child's daily functioning with the expected skills and behaviors of children their same age.



Services are available at **no cost** to families.

What happens after I make a referral?

After referring your child, you will be contacted by a service coordinator to schedule an evaluation at your home to determine eligibility for early intervention services. If eligible, a Routines-Based Interview will be scheduled within 45 days of your initial phone call. This interview will be approximately two-hours and will help turn your concerns and priorities into real-life, functional outcomes that you can work on throughout your everyday activities. An Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed to document these outcomes if eligible.

Who is eligible?

Children are eligible if they are under three years of age and:

- Are experiencing a 25% delay in one or more developmental areas, or
- Have a diagnosed condition that has a high probability of resulting in delay, or
- Are displaying atypical development that is likely to result in delay.



What are the services?

Early intervention services are designed to provide the family support to enhance a child's potential as they grow and develop new skills. A few examples of early intervention services include:

- Assistive Technology
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Family Counseling & Training
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Special Instruction
- Speech/Language Therapy
- Vision Services
- Other services may be available as appropriate

Where are services provided?

The services are provided during a weekday in the child's natural environment, such as your home, child care, playgroup, shopping trip, local park, and/or any community setting your family would like to attend.



Child - **Family** - Coach

The Infants and Toddlers service providers will work with families to enable young children to be active and successful participants in a variety of settings - in their homes with their families, in child care, preschool or school programs, and in the community. The service providers will also help to enable families to provide care for their child and have the resources they need to participate in their own desired family and community activities.

Who will provide the services?

The Infants and Toddlers team will select a primary provider based upon each family's individual needs. The primary provider will engage in collaborative consultation with all team members between visits in order to provide the family with strategies that best support their needs.

What to expect during a visit:

The primary provider will use a coaching model as an approach to build caregiver confidence in supporting their child to develop new skills. We want to know what families have tried, what works, and what the family wants to change. The primary provider will observe families and children play and interact in their daily routines. We will practice new ideas together, and at the end of each session we will come up with a joint plan, identifying what strategies the family will practice between visits in order to continue working on outcomes within the family's daily routines.



Serving Learners, Families, and the Community

Do you have concerns regarding your child's development and live in Cecil County? Call or go online to make a referral with our Early Intervention team:

Phone: 410-996-5444

Website: <http://www.ccps.org/Page/247>

Cecil County Public School Infants and Toddlers Program



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