Early Intervention



Early Intervention is a community-based, family centered program serving children who have or are at risk of having developmental delays and disabilities. We serve children from birth to three years old.

Our therapists work with children who have a delay in communication, gross motor/fine motor skills, behavior, social skills, feeding difficulties, or risk factors such as homelessness. Additionally, we work with children who have complex medical issues. We have the only Early Intervention Deaf and Hard of Hearing program in Massachusetts.

Services provided:

- Screening and evaluation
- Service coordination
- Individualized therapeutic services in developmental education, speech, occupational & physical therapy, nursing, music therapy, social work, nutrition & feeding support
- Integrated community playgroups
- Specialized playgroups for children with autism, hearing loss, or motor delays
- Specialty program for deaf and hard of hearing
- Transition planning and liaison work with local schools

What happens during my child's evaluation?

An initial visit occurs at your home with an El specialist. We take a brief history of your child, discuss your concerns, and obtain written permission for the team evaluation. The team may consist of a developmental specialist, speech therapist, physical or occupational therapist, social worker, nutritionist, or nurse and will determine if your child is eligible for Early Intervention services.

There is **no fee** for families to participate in Early Intervention. Costs are covered by insurance companies, MassHealth, or the Department of Public Health.



