Contact Early Intervention

if there are concerns about a child’s development or the child has a diagnosis with a high probability of developmental delay.

Statewide Toll-Free Number
1-888-653-4463
NJEIS Early Intervention Mission Statement

NJEIS strives to enhance the capacity of families to meet the developmental and health-related needs of children birth to age three who have developmental delays and or disabilities.

What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention services are designed to help support families and caregivers, and to enhance the development and learning of infants and toddlers through individualized, developmentally appropriate activities within the child’s and family’s everyday routines and life experiences.

How Does Early Intervention Support Eligible Children?

Early Intervention assists the child in:
- Developing positive social-emotional skills (building relationships).
- Gaining knowledge and skills (learning).
- Using appropriate behaviors to meet their needs (developing independence).

How Does Early Intervention Support Families?

Early Intervention helps the family:
- Understand their rights
- Communicate their child’s needs
- Support their child’s development

Who is Eligible for Early Intervention?

Any New Jersey family with a child under three years of age may be eligible for Early Intervention services if the child:
- Is not reaching age-appropriate milestones in one or more areas of development. The developmental delay must meet the NJEIS eligibility criteria and is determined by an evaluation conducted as part of the referral process.
- Is diagnosed with certain conditions that may result in a developmental delay or disability.

Where and How are Services Provided?

Infants and toddlers develop and learn through meaningful everyday experiences and interactions with familiar people in familiar places. Early Intervention uses a routines-based approach. This may mean that services are provided at home, an early care and education program, a playgroup, or within the family’s community.

The Early Intervention process, from the initial contact through transition out of the program is collaborative, individualized, and reflects the child’s and family’s concerns, priorities, learning styles, culture, and community.

How is a Referral Made?

The process is simple. Anyone (a parent, doctor, caregiver, teacher, or friend), with concerns about a child’s development may call the statewide referral line:

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