

Developmental Milestones

At age 1 month – raise head slightly when lying on stomach, briefly watch objects; make “noise in throat” sounds, pull away from a blanket covering face.

At age 3 months – lift head and chest when lying on stomach, follow a moving person with his/her eyes, smile when someone speaks to him/her, recognize a bottle or breast.

At age 6 months – sit with little support, roll from back to stomach, move object from one hand to the other, turn toward a sound.

At age 12 months – pull self up to a standing position, nod head to say “yes”, say two or three words, pick things up with a thumb and one finger.

At age 18 months – walk and maybe run a bit, use five to ten words, understand simple directions, mark on paper with crayons.

At age 2 – kick a large ball, turn pages of a book, ask for items by name, use two or three words together.

For More Information About EI, Please Browse:

www.wiu.edu/providerconnections

www.eiclearinghouse.org

www.illinoiseitraining.org

Child & Family Connections #3

Carroll, JoDaviess, Stephenson Counties

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*If you have concerns about a child who is over the age of 36 months, contact your local public school district for assistance.

Child & Family Connections

A Family Centered Program For Children
Birth-To-Three Who Have Or Are Likely To
Have Delays In Their Development.



Counties served:

Carroll – DeKalb – JoDaviess
Lee – Stephenson – Whiteside

(888) 297-1041

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What Is The Purpose Of Early Intervention?

Early Intervention is a collection of services designed to help each child reach his or her individual potential in any of the following areas:

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Communication development
- Social or emotional development
- Self-help skills

This family centered program supports and teaches caregivers how to work with their children in ways that will help them learn essential skills.

Services are provided without restrictions as to race, religion, gender, immigration or economic status.

Who Can Receive EI Services?

Children **under three years of age** who are suspected of having delays in development have the right to be evaluated to determine if they qualify for EI services. These evaluations are done at no charge to families.

Children and their families are eligible for EI services if they meet any one of the criteria listed below:

1. **Measurable Delays** in one or more of the following areas of development:
 - cognitive development (learning skills)
 - physical development (movement) including vision and hearing

- language, speech & communication development
 - social emotional development (behavior)
 - adaptive self-help skills development
2. **Diagnosed Medical Conditions**
Children with diagnosed medical conditions that could potentially lead to developmental delays are eligible.
 3. **Risk Factors**
Conditions that put children at risk of having substantial developmental delays according to informed clinical judgment.

Services Available Through Early Intervention

- Assistive technology
- Developmental therapy
- Hearing assessments
- Language interpretation
- Medical testing for a diagnosis
- Nursing consultation
- Nutrition assessments
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychological and other counseling
- Service Coordination
- Social work services
- Speech/language therapy, including feeding assessments
- Vision assessments and services

Child & Family Connections

Child & Family Connections (CFC) serves as the single access point to early intervention services. When a child is referred to CFC, the family will be guided through the EI process by a service coordinator as described below:

- Meet with the family to provide information about EI, discuss family rights, complete necessary paperwork and assist the family in scheduling evaluations
- Meet with the family and the EI evaluators to review the results of the evaluations and discuss eligibility.
- Meet with the family and evaluators to develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). This plan addresses how the team will support families in promoting their child's optimal development.
- Assist the family with the transition process when the child approaches 30 months.

Making A Referral

Anyone who suspects a child has delays can make a referral to Child and Family Connections (parents, doctors, nurses, childcare providers, or friends).

Simply call your local Child and Family Connections toll free at: 888-297-1041.

You do not have to be certain there is a delay in development to refer a child. There is no cost for evaluations.