

What is Early Intervention?

Early intervention services in Virginia are provided for infant and toddlers up to 3 years of age who are having difficulty reaching certain milestones or who have a condition that can delay their development. Services are provided to help a child's development and to assist the family in meeting their child's developmental needs. These services are often provided at home with a familiar caregiver and an early interventionist as infants and toddlers often learn best in the comfort of a familiar place with those who care for them most. If you or your doctor have questions or concerns about your child's development, the Infant & Toddler Connection can help!



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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find out if my child is eligible for these services?

All infants and toddlers develop at their own pace but sometimes help is needed to learn certain skills. Anyone, including a parent, can make a referral to early intervention. A staff member then meets with the family to learn about their child. Eligibility for early intervention is based on a child's developmental needs, not family income.

How much will this cost?

Some early intervention services such as eligibility determination, assessment, and development of a child's Individualized Family Service Plan are provided at no cost. Other services do incur a cost and are billed to a child's insurance. However, services may never be denied based on a family's income, insurance, or lack of insurance.

Where will early intervention be provided?

Services are most often provided with a family member or caregiver in the family's home where the child is most comfortable. Services may also be provided in the community where children and families spend time such as parks, child care centers, or libraries.

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Welcome to Valley Community Services Board (VCSB). We offer a variety of comprehensive behavioral health, substance use, and developmental services within the counties of Augusta and Highland and the cities of Staunton and Waynesboro.

What to Expect

Once a child is found eligible, a service coordinator works with the family to develop a plan based on what their child needs. This plan identified goals for working with the family to help their child do things that are important to them. This is called the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). The IFSP also lists the services needed to meet these goals and the provider who will assist the family. The best provider for the services will depend on the child, the family's priorities, and how well the provider's training matches with the family's needs.



Coordinated Services

Many different kinds of services are available to meet the unique needs of children and families in Early Intervention. The most common services provided include:

- ◆ Audiology
- ◆ Developmental Services
- ◆ Nursing
- ◆ Occupational Therapy
- ◆ Physical Therapy
- ◆ Service Coordination
- ◆ Speech Language Pathology
- ◆ Vision Services

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