

EARLY INTERVENTION

Services for children younger than age 3

Early Intervention (EI) provides a variety of services to children from birth to age 3 who have a developmental delay or a qualifying diagnosed medical condition. EI is grounded in the philosophy that young children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings.

Ohio's Early Intervention program is a statewide system with coordinated supports at the local level. Once your child is determined eligible for services, a team will find ways to support you and your family during everyday activities.

Your EI team includes a primary service provider, who will regularly visit you and your child at home or in community settings to address questions and priorities related to your child's development.



The Early Intervention service coordinator is assigned through Lighthouse Youth Services. This person learns about your family, your daily activities, and your hopes and priorities for your child. Your service coordinator may also arrange screenings, evaluations, assessments, services and meetings with other professionals such as physical, speech or occupational therapists, development specialists and behavior support coaches.

Together, you and the Early Intervention team will find ways to use your existing supports and resources—and build upon them—to enhance your child’s learning and development. All team members respect that you know your family’s needs better than anyone, and they welcome the participation of extended family, friends and others in your support network.

Children and their families will transition out of EI when they complete needed services or when the child turns 3, with supports to move on to the next phase of growth and development.

To make an EI referral, please have the following information ready:

- Child’s name, age and county of residence
- Contact information for parent or legal guardian, including first and last name, address, email address and/or phone number

For Early Intervention referrals, call (800) 755-4769 or (513) 434-3322 or visit refer.ohiocentralintake.org.