

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

What Is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention is made up of services and supports that help children with developmental delays and their families.



We're here for you!

Early Intervention services are designed with values that include individualizing the supports for children and families,

providing those supports in places familiar to the child and family, and building on the supports that already exist in the child's life. Montgomery County Early Intervention Services operates the state and federally mandated program for children from birth to age three.

Who Is Eligible For Early Intervention Services?

Children change and grow at their own pace. Sometimes, children can experience delays in their development. If you are concerned that your child has a delay, contacting the Early Intervention office will start an evaluation process.

The evaluation is done by an independent team of professionals, free of charge to families.

When your child is seen by the evaluation team, they will be evaluated in five key areas:

- Physical Development
- Language and Speech Development
- Social and Emotional Development
- Adaptive (Self-Help) Development
- Cognitive Development

If the findings of the evaluation team show that your child has at least a 25% delay in any of these five key areas, he/she is eligible for Early Intervention services.



Our staff; knowledgeable, compassionate, & understanding

Eligibility for Early Intervention services is not based on the financial status of a child or family, and are only based on the findings of the evaluation.

What Happens If My Child Is Eligible?

If your child is eligible for Early Intervention services, a Service Coordinator will begin working with you and your family right away. The Service Coordinator is the link between your family and the service and support system. They will incorporate information from the evaluation and information provided by you,

your family, and other important people in your child's life into the development of an *Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)*. This plan will take all the information and translate it into outcomes and goals that are important to your family and the development of your child's skills and abilities. This plan will also detail all of the services and supports that your child will receive.

How Do I Start The Process For My Child?

If you are concerned about your child, contact our office. An intake coordinator will ask you questions about your concerns, gather information about your child, and answer any questions that you may have. If you decide that you would like to move forward, the intake coordinator will schedule an evaluation with you.

If your child is 33 months old or older, please contact the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for intake at 610.755.9400.

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ABOUT US...

Created by mandates from both the state and federal government, Montgomery County's Early Intervention Services exists for the sole purpose of serving our most precious resources; children and families.

Our Service Coordinators, Support Staff, and Administrative Staff are knowledgeable and committed to the core principles of Early Intervention

and are invested in helping the children and families of Montgomery County.



Inside this brochure, you will find information about these principles, eligibility requirements, and how to get help.

We look forward to hearing from and helping you.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Mission

The Montgomery County Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities is an organization that strives to enrich the lives of people in a positive way, through a unique partnership with the community, to ensure quality services.

Vision

People will feel valued. They will be able to find the support and resources that will provide the opportunity for a life of hope and success.

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Birth to Age Three