

## What do I do if I have concerns about my child's development?

- Contact your child's doctor regarding your concerns, and
- Contact Child and Family Connections for information and to obtain a free developmental evaluation.



## Your child and family may receive, at no cost:

- Screening
- Evaluations and assessments
- Service coordination
- Support
- Resources

If you have concerns about a child who is over the age of 36 months, contact your local public school district for assistance in determining his/her needs.



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# Child and Family Connections



The Sooner We Start,  
the Further They'll Go.

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For referrals and information,  
call our Intake Coordinator  
at **815-477-4720, ext. 238**  
Fax: 815-788-0704

Outside of McHenry County  
Call toll free: 888-376-8828  
[www.optionsandadvocacy.org](http://www.optionsandadvocacy.org)

## What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention is a program for families with children ages birth to three years who have concerns about their child's development.

Growing and learning doesn't happen in the same way for every child. Your child may do things later or differently than others his or her age.



## What is Child and Family Connections?

Child and Family Connections is the system point of entry to access Early Intervention services. This program is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

## Who is eligible?

Children experiencing delays\* or diagnosed conditions such as:

- difficulty with movement
- diagnosed vision or hearing loss
- difficulty speaking clearly or understanding language
- behavioral issues
- Down syndrome
- cerebral palsy



\* Based on free evaluations

## Typical Developmental Milestones

### At 1 month, most children can:

- raise head slightly while on stomach
- briefly watch objects
- make "noise in throat" sounds

### At 3 months, most children can:

- lift the head and chest while on stomach
- show movement in all extremities
- follow a person with their eyes
- recognize a bottle or a breast
- smile when someone speaks to them

### At 6 months, most children can:

- sit with minimal support
- roll from back to stomach
- turn to locate and identify sounds
- transfer objects between hands
- respond to speech with a smile or a coo



### At 12 months, most children can:

- pull up to stand and may step with support
- pick things up with a thumb and finger
- nod their head to signal "yes"
- give affection
- say two or three words

### At 24 months, most children can:

- hand over toys upon request
- kick a large ball
- turn pages in a book
- ask for items by name
- recognize a familiar picture and know if it is upside down
- use two or three words together

### At 36 months, most children can:

- walk up stairs while holding the railing
- stand momentarily on one foot
- open doors
- unbutton large buttons
- verbalize toilet needs
- stack objects of different sizes

## Services and Supports

Early Intervention may include one or more of the following services:

- Assistive Technology
- Audiology
- Developmental Therapy
- Interpretation
- Medical Diagnostics
- Nursing Consultation
- Nutrition Consultation
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological/Behavioral Services
- Service Coordination
- Social Work
- Speech Therapy
- Vision Services



## Available Support Services

- Developmental screenings
- Hearing screenings
- Sibshops
- Playgroups
- Support Groups/ Parent Education
- Local Interagency Council (LIC)
- Community Resources
- Transition assistance into local school districts

