

## Early Intervention

The Program provides services and supports to families with children who have developmental delays.

All children grow and change at their own rate. Some children have delays in their development. Sometimes this can be cause for concern.

The purpose of all Early Intervention services is to help you help your child learn & develop.



**It's Free:**

Early Intervention is a voluntary program provided at no cost to families.

Parents and Professionals  
working together to help  
babies and toddlers develop  
and learn

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**“Working Together for a Healthier  
Community”**

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Office Hours– M-F, 8am-5pm



The Clinton County Health Department is approved by and under agreement with the New York State Department of Health to coordinate EI services within Clinton County.

EI is a public program funded by New York State and Clinton County. Your child's health insurance may be used to cover some of the EI costs.

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## Who can get Early Intervention (EI) services?

- Children under the age of 3 who have a diagnosed disability or
- Who may have delays in their development

## Who can make a referral?

You can make a referral if:

- You are the child's parent or caregiver and
- You have a concern or
- You are the doctor or other professional who has a concern

## How do I make a referral?

**Call the  
Clinton County Health Department  
518-565-4848  
ask to speak with the Early  
Intervention Coordinator**



## What happens after a referral?

A Service Coordinator will be assigned to your family. This person will:

- explain the program to you
- help you through the process
- give you a list of NYS approved agencies from which you choose who will do your child's evaluation

The Agency you choose will do a full evaluation to see if your child might need help. This evaluation will look at many areas of your child's development. Those areas include:

- Cognitive
- Language
- Motor
- Social-emotional
- Behavioral
- Self-help skills

If your child is eligible and you want services, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be written based on the needs of your child and your concerns.

The IFSP will list the services that are needed to:

- meet your child's individual needs.
- meet your goals.

Your Service Coordinator will assign teachers and therapists for your child. The best provider will depend on your child, what is important to you and how well the provider's training matches your family's needs.

## What can I expect from EI services?

Many services and supports are available for children and their families. EI services include:

- Information on how children develop
- Parent/caregiver education
- Support services and therapies that help a child learn and develop

EI Services can be provided:

- In your home
- At a relative's home
- At childcare centers
- At your child's playgroup or library

**Your family is your child's first  
and best teacher .**

