

**Erie County Department of Health  
Early Intervention Program  
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- Early Intervention is the voluntary developmental monitoring, evaluation and services program offered by New York State to families with children ages birth through two years who are at risk for developmental delay.
- Your local county Early Intervention Program can provide a multi-disciplinary evaluation of your child's development, and if eligible, provide services to your child and family.
- For children at risk for developmental delay, a periodic mailing of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire will be set up with the family.
- ***There is no cost to families for any of these services.***

**What services will you receive?**

- A Service Coordinator will meet with you to give you information about the Early Intervention process and assist you in obtaining a screening and or evaluation of your child's developmental status. .
- If your child is eligible, your Service Coordinator will assist you in developing a family-centered plan, which assists you in enhancing your child's development. Some of the service providers are physical therapists, special instructors or speech therapists. Most services are provided at home, or child care, Early Head Start, and other community programs, if appropriate.
- The Service Coordinator is also available to assist you with other related issues, such as obtaining information on child development, finding a pediatrician, enrolling in health insurance and other family concerns.
- If your child is not eligible, your Service Coordinator will explain the developmental monitoring component of Early Intervention as well as other programs in the community that may be helpful to you.

**Who is eligible?**

- Any family with a child age birth through two years who has a suspected developmental delay or a diagnosis with a high risk of developmental delay, is eligible for Early Intervention. Eligibility for services is determined by New York State Department of Health criteria based on the degree of delay or a child's diagnosis.
- Please feel free to call (716) 858-6374 with any questions.