WHY IS EI IMPORTANT?

Your baby's brain is making most of its connections in the first three years of life. These connections are the foundation for learning, behavior, and health.

The earlier developmental delays are detected and intervention begins, the greater the chance your child has of achieving his or her full potential.

It's never too early for Early Intervention!

Acting early gives your child a chance to receive the appropriate services, giving him or her the best chance for a good outcome in the future.

WHAT IS A MILESTONE?

Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving "bye bye" are called developmental milestones. Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, act, and move.

If you feel your child is not learning or growing in the way you expect, reach out to the Early Intervention provider near you.

Alabama's Early Intervention System

CONTACT US:
800.543.3098

For EI locations, scan here:

neverTooEarlyAL.org

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WHAT IS EI?

Early Intervention is a program that provides and coordinates many different services for infants and toddlers under the age of three to address any delays in their development.

For infants up to 3 years old.

There are some medical diagnoses that can delay normal development or there could be other reasons preventing a child from meeting developmental milestones.

Early Intervention trains, empowers and equips parents and caregivers to help their child learn as they participate in everyday activities.

Alabama's Early Intervention System partners with many local EI providers to help ensure that high-quality EI services are available for families in all 67 counties.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Babies from birth to age 3 who either have a diagnosed physical or mental condition which could cause developmental delay, or who show signs of a developmental delay in:

- Cognitive development
- Physical development, including vision and hearing
- Language development
- Social - emotional development
- Adaptive skills development

Eligibility is determined by an assigned service coordinator who will complete an evaluation with your child, which can be done at your home, in childcare or another appropriate setting.

EIGHT CORE VALUES: HOW EI WORKS

1 Family Centered

It's important that we partner with the family to serve and support them in everyday activities with their children.

2 Developmentally Appropriate

EI professionals help the family understand the milestones their child should reach at each stage of their development and issues that might affect their child's progress.

3 Individualized Family Plan

The plan will include a team of professionals, family members, caregivers, and friends. Together, they will set goals and help the child reach them.

4 In the Child's Natural Environment

EI services are provided in a location where the child and family would typically be on a normal day, like at home, in childcare, and on playgrounds.

5 Trained & Equipped

EI empowers and equips parents and caregivers with the skills to meet their child's developmental needs.

6 Collaborative Team

EI service coordinators bring together everyone involved in the child's care. They work together to help them reach their goals.

7 Routines Based

All EI services and activities are based on the family's routines - the activities unique to the family that happen naturally and regularly.

8 Evidence Based

The EI team pulls together the best available research and knowledge from professional experts, as well as from the shared experience of children and their caregivers, resulting in the best possible outcomes.

There is no cost to the family for EI services.