

## What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention (EI) consists of services and supports designed to help families with children who have developmental delays. While all children grow and change at their own rate, some children can experience delays in their development. Sometimes this can be cause for concern. Early Intervention provides supports and services to young children and their families/caregivers to help the child grow and develop.



## Who is eligible?

Infants, toddlers, and preschool children who have special needs due to a developmental delay or diagnosis are eligible to receive Early Intervention services.



## What are Early Intervention supports and services?

Early Intervention (EI) supports and services are provided at no cost to families. EI services may include: information on how children develop skills and abilities; education and support for the parent/caregiver, and specific developmental therapies designed for their child. Early Intervention provides ideas for how a family can help their child at home as well as in the community, and is individualized to enhance both growth and learning. If a child is attending an early care/education setting, EI teachers/therapists/specialists can assist the early childhood staff with strategies to promote the child's development. Early Intervention can also assist families in finding and linking to a variety of community services and supports.



## Where do children/families receive supports and services?

Services may be provided during the child's daily activities at home or in the community, at child care centers, nursery schools, play groups, and Head Start programs.

## Who should families contact to see if their child is eligible for Early Intervention?

A first step for any family with a concern about their child's development is to call CONNECT Services (toll free: 1-800-692-7288) or their local EI Program. The Early Intervention program will determine if the child is eligible for Early Intervention.



**Questions about  
Early Intervention?**

**Call CONNECT**

**1-800-692-7288**

**(TTY Accessible)**

CONNECT puts families in touch with the people who can help.

**PaTTAN website link**

<http://www.pattan.net>

**PDE website link**

<http://www.education.state.pa.us>

**DPW website link**

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us>



**Your local EI programs**



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