

What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention services are intended to support parents in their efforts to enhance the development of young children with special needs. Each family is different, just as no two children are the same. Therefore, your goals for participating in Early Intervention will be determined by your needs, interests, and personal circumstances.

- early educational/ developmental skills
- screening
- evaluation
- intervention with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- home-based, preschool classroom-based, child care & school-based services
- parent information/referral to resources



Who is Eligible?

Eligibility for services is based on individual need and will be determined after a complete evaluation is done for each child. If you have concerns about your child's development or a specific diagnosed condition, you should call to set up an appointment for a screening/evaluation. Starting intervention services early improves a child's ability to develop and learn. It may also prevent or decrease the need for special help later.

Dare County & Currituck County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

The LICC is a collaborative partnership among parents, caregivers, and public & private agencies to promote an effective Early Intervention System in Dare County and Currituck County.

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*Your child's early
steps are important*



Learn the Signs. Act Early.

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As they grow, children are always learning new things. These are just some of the things you should be looking for as your child grows. Because every child develops at his or her own pace, your child may reach these milestones slightly before or after other children the same age. Use this as a guide, and if you have any concerns, talk with your child's doctor or nurse, or call one of the early intervention agencies.

By the end of 7 months, many children are able to:

- turn head when name is called
- smile back at another person
- respond to sounds with sounds
- enjoy social play (such as peek-a-boo)

By the end of 12 months, many children are able to:

- use simple gestures (waving "bye-bye")
- make sounds such as "ma" and "da"
- imitate actions in their play (clap when you clap)
- respond when told "no"

By the end of 18 months, many children are able to:

- do simple pretend play ("talk" on a toy phone)
- point to interesting objects
- look at object when you point at it and tell them to "look!"
- use several single words unprompted

By the end of 2 years, many children are able to:

- use 2- to 4-word phrases
- follow simple instructions
- become more interested in other children
- point to an object or picture when named

By the end of 3 years, many children are able to:

- show affection for playmates
- use 4- to 5-word sentences
- imitate adults and playmates (run when other children run)
- play make-believe with dolls, animals, and people ("feed" a teddy bear)

By the end of 4 years, many children are able to:

- use 5- to 6-word sentences
- follow 3-step commands ("Get dressed, comb your hair, and wash your face.")
- cooperate with other children

Contact one of the following agencies if you are concerned about your child's development

Children's Developmental Services Agency

(serving Dare & Currituck)

Ages Birth-3 years

(252) 338-4044

Currituck County Schools

Ages 3-5 years

(252) 232-2223

Dare County Schools

Ages 3-5 years

(252) 480-8880

Albemarle Regional Health Services Currituck County Health Department

(Care Coordination for Children)

Ages Birth- 5 years

(252) 232-2271

Dare County Department of Health & Human Services- Public Health

(Care Coordination for Children)

Ages Birth- 5 years

(252) 475-5020

Albemarle Alliance for Children & Families

(Family Support Network of NENC)

(252) 333-1233

Children & Youth Partnership for Dare County

(Family Support/Parenting Programs)

(252) 441-0614