

The information you have provided tells us that your child may benefit from supports and services available through Colorado's Early Intervention System.



Why Early Intervention Works for Infants and Toddlers

The term “early” intervention is important because research shows that the first three years are the most important time for learning and development in a child's life. Providing developmental supports and services early improves a child's ability to develop and learn. Also,

it may prevent or decrease the need for special help later. The goal of early intervention in Colorado is to support families to help their children with special needs develop to their full potential.

Since it appears your child may benefit from early intervention supports and services, such as occupational, physical, or speech therapy, your doctor will ask you to sign a consent for referral. Someone from a local agency involved with early intervention services will contact you to schedule an appointment for further evaluation.



What Can I Expect?

A Service Coordinator is a person who works with you during your child's involvement with Colorado's Early Intervention System. A Service Coordinator is assigned to each infant or toddler and their family within three business days of the referral being received. The service coordinator will work with you to schedule an evaluation for your child. This evaluation is free and must be completed within 45 days of the referral date unless you request otherwise.

How Do I Get In Touch With Them?

Community Centered Boards throughout Colorado are responsible for coordinating the local early intervention system in their area. To be connected to the Community Centered Board in your county, you can call 1-888-777-4041 or visit **www.earlychildhoodconnections.org** and choose the city or county you live in from the drop down menu within the "state and local contacts" section.

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