



Why does Early Intervention Work?

The frame work of early intervention is based on the understanding that learning for young children takes place in the context of relationships and routines that are part of their everyday lives. By partnering with families to identify their priorities, early intervention services focus on the activities and routines that children and families enjoy doing every day. These everyday activities create frequent opportunities for children to practice and learn new skills that can increase their independence in their homes and community settings. Creating a meaningful partnership between early intervention providers and families will strengthen the impact families have in promoting their children's learning and development.



Additional information can be found on the Baltimore County School System website:
http://www.bcps.org/offices/special_ed/birthtofive.html



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For more parent resources and information, visit:
<http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/MITP/index.aspx>

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What is the INFANTS & TODDLERS PROGRAM?

The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers is an early intervention program that serves families with children under three years of age presenting with developmental delays or disabilities. Research based early intervention services are coordinated based upon the needs and priorities identified by the family. Services are provided at no cost to families.

What is the Process?

- The process begins by making a referral. Referrals can be made by calling the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers office at 443-809-2169 or by making an online referral <https://referral.mditp.org/Referral.html>.

- Referrals can be made by parents, health care providers, child care providers, social workers, family members, and other individuals familiar with the child's development.

- Once a referral is made, the local Infants and Toddlers site will contact the family directly to plan for an initial evaluation to determine eligibility.

- If you child is determined eligible for the Infants and Toddlers program an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed.



Who is Eligible for Services?

- Children demonstrating a 25% delay in one or more areas of development.
- Children demonstrating atypical development in one or more areas of development.
- Children with a diagnosed condition placing them at risk for developmental delays.

What is Early Intervention?

Early intervention is a system of supports and services identified for eligible children with developmental delays or disabilities. Services are based upon the outcomes families have identified for their child. Service providers partner with families to build upon existing skills and strategies that promote a child's participation in everyday activities.

Early intervention helps children to:

- Develop positive social/emotional skills
- Acquire and use knowledge and skills
- Use appropriate behaviors to meet needs

Early intervention services also help families to:

- Understand their rights
- Communicate their child's needs and family priorities
- Promote the development of their child's pre-academic and functional skills

What is Early Intervention?

- Services are identified to address individual priorities identified by the family.
- Service providers partner with a child's family to identify strategies that promote the development of skills and behaviors children use to engage and participate in activities that are naturally occurring throughout the day.

Service providers work with the child and family in their home, day care or other community setting.



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What is an Educational Disability?

Federal and state laws identify specific disabilities that entitle a child to special education services if it is determined that the disability is interfering with the child's learning.

These identified disabilities are:

- Autism
- Deafness
- Deaf/Blindness
- Developmental Delay
- Emotional Disability
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment (including blindness)

Is there a Cost for Child Find?

Screening services are available at no charge to eligible children.

Assessments, evaluations, and all special education services which are determined to be necessary are provided free of charge



Additional information, contacts and special education service delivery models can be found on the Baltimore County Public School System website:

http://www.bcps.org/offices/special_ed/child-find.html
http://www.bcps.org/offices/special_ed/birthtofive.html

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Carroll County 410-751-3295

Baltimore County 443-809-3017
Harford County 410-638-4386

Baltimore City 443-984-1011
Howard County 410-313-7046



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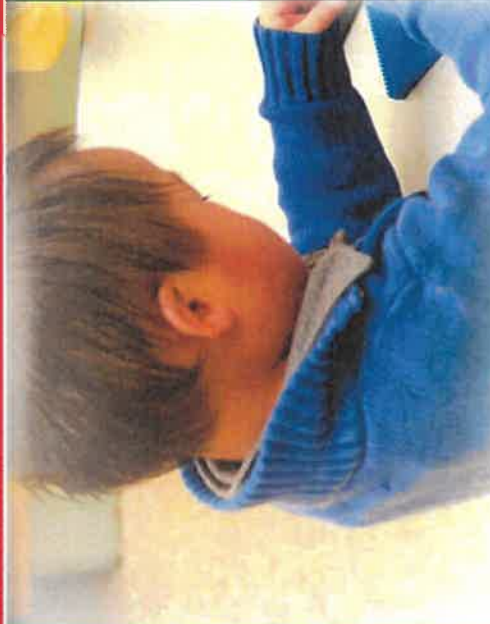
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What is Child Find?

Child Find is a special education service provided by the Baltimore County Public School System for locating, evaluating, and identifying children ages 3-21 who are suspected of having an educational disability and who may be eligible for special education and related services.

What is the Process?

- The process begins with a review of available information about the child.
- When the review indicates the possibility of an educational impairment, the child is evaluated in relevant areas.
- When results indicate that a child is disabled and eligible for special education services, an individualized plan is developed. This will be either an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or an Individualized Service Plan.



Who is Eligible for Child Find Services?

- Preschool children residing in Baltimore County who are not currently enrolled in a preschool program.
- Children ages 3-21 attending an MSDE approved private or parochial school "located" in Baltimore County, regardless of child's residency.

How Do I Access these Services?

- Preschool age children residing in Baltimore County who are not enrolled in a preschool program may be referred directly to Child Find.
- Children ages 3-21 enrolled in an MSDE approved private/parochial school located in Baltimore County may be referred directly to Child Find.
- Children ages 3-21 enrolled in a Baltimore County public school who are suspected of having a disability and may be in need of special education services are referred directly to the IEP Team at the school they are attending.
- Children who are not yet 3 years old may be referred to the Infants and Toddlers program by calling 443-809-2169.

Who May Refer a Child?

Most referrals are made directly by the child's parents.

Referrals (with parental consent) may be made by health care providers, social workers, child care providers, and other individuals familiar with the child's development.

For other parent resources, visit www.bcps.org/parents



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