



Is my baby okay?

How to Find Out,
How to Get Help

The New York City Early Intervention Program

For Babies and Toddlers With
Developmental Delays or Disabilities



Babies and toddlers learn and develop differently.

One child may talk later, another might walk earlier.

You may be concerned that your child, or another child you care about, is having a hard time . . .

- Talking
- Sitting up or balancing
- Crawling or walking
- Understanding or following directions
- Eating
- Playing with you

Maybe your baby was born early or very small. Perhaps your baby shows little interest in you or others. Maybe a doctor has told you your baby or toddler has Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, or a developmental disability.

New York City's Early Intervention Program brings together therapists, teachers, families, and caregivers. This team works with children from birth to age 3 with developmental delays or disabilities to help them achieve the best results.

The earlier the better

The first 3 years of life are very important in every child's development. The earlier children get help for developmental delays and disabilities, the better their chances of reaching their full potential.

Early Intervention offers:

- **A Service Coordinator** to guide you through the process.
- **An evaluation** of your child's needs, conducted by an agency that *you* select from our list of specialized professionals.
- **An Individualized Family Service Plan** that we will work out with you if your child is found eligible for the program.
- **Services** including:
 - Speech therapy
 - Physical therapy
 - Special instruction
 - Family training and support
- **A transition plan** when it's time to leave Early Intervention and enter other appropriate services.





If you feel your child might
have a delay or disability,

HELP IS AVAILABLE

Call 311 and ask for Early Intervention

Early Intervention services are confidential
and provided at no cost to families, regardless
of income or immigration status



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