

At-Risk Conditions

A child under the age of 3 with any of the conditions on this list can be referred to Developmental Monitoring, a unit within the New York City Early Intervention (EI) program. Anyone can make referrals to the program by calling **311** and asking for **Developmental Monitoring**, or by completing the EI program referral form and selecting “Developmental Monitoring” under “Reason for Referral.”

Once a child is in the program, Developmental Monitoring staff will work with parents or guardians to keep track of the child’s development from birth to age 3. Staff and parents or guardians will monitor the child’s progress by mail or phone using the Ages and Stages Questionnaires®. If the questionnaire indicates atypical development, the Developmental Monitoring staff will help the child receive a complete multidisciplinary evaluation to determine program eligibility and create an Individualized Family Service Plan.



At-risk conditions include:

- ⦿ Asphyxia, defined as Apgar score of 3 or less at five minutes
- ⦿ Birth weight less than 1,501 grams
- ⦿ Central nervous system (CNS) insult or abnormality, such as neonatal seizure, intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH), on ventilation support for more than 48 hours or birth trauma
- ⦿ Congenital malformations
- ⦿ Chronic serous otitis media, continuous for three months or more
- ⦿ Elevated blood lead level greater than 19 micrograms per deciliter
- ⦿ Gestational age (GA) less than 33 weeks
- ⦿ Growth deficiency or nutritional problems, including small for gestational age (SGA), significant feeding problem, failure to thrive (FTT) or significant iron-deficiency anemia
- ⦿ History of child abuse or neglect*
- ⦿ Hypertonicity or hypotonicity
- ⦿ Hyperbilirubinemia greater than 20 milligrams per deciliter
- ⦿ Hypoglycemia with serum glucose less than 20 milligrams per deciliter during the newborn period
- ⦿ Inborn metabolic disorder
- ⦿ Maternal prenatal alcohol or illicit substance misuse
- ⦿ Maternal phenylketonuria (PKU)
- ⦿ Parent or guardian concern about developmental status
- ⦿ Perinatal or congenital transmission of infection, such as HIV, hepatitis B or syphilis
- ⦿ Prenatal exposure to therapeutic drugs, such as psychotropic, anti-epileptic or antineoplastic, with known potential developmental implications
- ⦿ Serious illness or traumatic injury affecting CNS development requiring 10 or more days of hospitalization in a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU)
- ⦿ Suspected hearing or vision impairment
- ⦿ Ten or more days of hospitalization in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)

*Children who are involved with the Administration for Children’s Services should be referred to Developmental Monitoring.