

DEPARTMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

BRYAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Early Intervention Information



A look at some basic skills:

PHYSICAL (REACHING, ROLLING, CRAWLING, AND WALKING);

COGNITIVE (THINKING, LEARNING, SOLVING PROBLEMS);

COMMUNICATION (TALKING, LISTENING, UNDERSTANDING);

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL (PLAYING, FEELING SECURE AND HAPPY); AND

SELF-HELP (EATING, DRESSING).

Early Childhood

WHY IS EARLY INTERVENTION SO IMPORTANT?

Early intervention is support, resources, and services provided to young children who have been diagnosed with, are suspected to have, or are at risk of developmental delays or disabilities.

Research has shown that the time between birth and age 36 months is a critical developmental period in a child's life. These months offer a window of opportunity that will not be available later. Early intervention programs minimize and, in some cases, prevent delays in the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities. They can decrease the need for special education and related services when a child enters school and increase independence. Children whose special needs are identified and addressed during these crucial early years have a greater chance of reaching their full potential.

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What kind of services are provided?

A FEW EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

Audiology or hearing services
Speech and language services
Occupational therapy
Physical therapy
Developmental services

What to do | If you think that your child is not developing at the same pace or in the same way as most children his or her age, it is often a good idea to talk first to your child's pediatrician.

***Explain your concerns.**

***Tell the doctor what you have observed with your child.**

You can also get in touch with Bryan County School's early intervention program, and ask to have your little one evaluated to see if he or she has a developmental delay or disability.

This evaluation is free of charge, won't hurt your child, and looks at his or her basic skills.

Based on that evaluation, your child may be eligible for early intervention services, which will be designed to address your child's special needs or delays.

