



**D**id you know your baby, toddler or young child may be eligible for special education or other services well before they are ready to enter kindergarten?

Free home and/or community-based *physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy* and *special education services* are available in Anne Arundel County beginning at birth until your child goes to school!

If your baby, toddler, or young child is having difficulty meeting developmental milestones or has a disability, they may qualify for early intervention services through Anne Arundel County Public Schools (even if they're still in a stroller and kindergarten seems far away).

## **What is Early Intervention?**

Early intervention utilizes evidenced-based practices designed to help our youngest learners from birth through age five who are demonstrating delays in their development or need specialized support due to a diagnosed disability.

## Your child **may** qualify if you notice delays or atypical development in:

- **Communication** – pointing/waving, babbling, talking, saying words clearly
- **Gross Motor Skills** – crawling, walking, jumping, kicking a ball, using playground equipment
- **Fine Motor Skills** – pointing/pushing a button, picking up cheerios, holding a crayon and drawing
- **Self-help Skills** – drinking from a cup, sleeping independently, picking up toys, helping get dressed
- **Social/Emotional and Cognitive** – giving attention to adults, listening and following directions, cooperating, displaying a range of emotions and calming within a reasonable time
- **Vision or Hearing Concerns**

## Support for Every Age and Stage

### ***Infants and Toddlers Program (Ages 0–3)***

*ITP* is designed for babies and toddlers from birth through age two. If your child is eligible, they will receive intervention services from one or more trained *ITP* professionals in your home, daycare, the library, or local park. Our family-centered coaching will help **you** guide your child as they learn and grow. If your child continues to need services at age three they will transition through *Child Find*.

### ***Child Find (Ages 3–5)***

If your young child seems delayed or you have concerns about their development, call our *Child Find* office to schedule an appointment with one of our teams. If your child is eligible for special education, they will receive services based on their individual needs. These may be provided in classrooms, community-based settings, or in homes.

### **How To Refer**

**Ages:** 0 – 2 years, 10 months, 14 days: **Call 410-424-3260**

**Visit online. [mditp.org](https://www.mditp.org) to create an account and submit a referral.**

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**Ages:** 2 years, 10 months, 15 days to their 5th birthday:

**Call 410-424-3280**

**<https://www.aacps.org/birthtofive>**