

How do you know if your child needs early intervention services?

While every child develops at their own pace, here are a few guidelines:

At about...	A child should...
Birth to 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Look in the direction of sound◆ Roll over◆ Coo, babble and laugh aloud◆ Reach for and grasp objects◆ Hold head up when held at shoulder◆ Make eye contact during feedings
6 months to 1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Recognize his/her name when called◆ Creep on hands and knees◆ Walk with assistance or holding on◆ Imitate sounds◆ Drink from a cup held by an adult◆ Sit without support
1 - 1 1/2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Explore cabinets and drawers◆ Use a few words◆ Begin to feed him or herself◆ Point to some body parts◆ Walk alone
1 1/2 - 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Walk and begin to run◆ Dress with assistance◆ Put words together into phrases◆ Eat table food
2 to 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Complete a 3-4 piece puzzle◆ Use the toilet with assistance◆ Jump, run, kick, climb stairs◆ Use simple sentences



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EARLY

INTERVENTION



For Children with Special Needs

Eligibility Guidelines

Your child must have a:

- ◆ significant delay in one or more areas of development compared to other children the same age
- ◆ physical disability, hearing or vision loss
- ◆ specialist's determination through informed clinical opinion that there is a delay even though it doesn't appear on the child's assessment
- ◆ known physical or mental condition which has a high probability for a developmental delay

For information on Early Intervention Services:

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EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Parent-Child Program

Trained staff visit homes according to the child's individual plan to help families meet their child's developmental needs in a natural environment. This trained staff may consist of a special needs instructor, speech, physical or occupational therapists.

Community Program

Trained staff visit community child care programs to provide early intervention services. The focus is to help the child care provider meet the child's individual needs within the course of their daily activities. This setting allows children to accomplish developmental goals with peer modeling.

Other Supports

Services available to families include one-on-one parental support, education, advocacy, and information or referral to other resources.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Lekotek & Compuplay Programs

The Lekotek, a toy lending library, is a unique learning and resource center for children with special needs. Play strategies, incorporating the child's developmental goals and using conventional and adapted toys, are modeled for parents by specially trained Lekotek leaders.

Toys can be borrowed each month in a lending library fashion so that parents don't have to invest in expensive adapted toys their children will soon outgrow.

Compuplay uses computer software and games in the same way Lekotek uses toys.

These programs enable the entire family to have fun together including siblings who may otherwise feel left out due to the time and attention a child with special needs requires from the parents.

About the Program

Early Intervention Services are designed to help families meet the special needs of their children. These services include educational and sensory motor activities, and physical, speech and occupational therapies. Early intervention builds upon natural learning which occurs during the first few years of a child's life.

Early Intervention Services are provided in the child's home and in community child care programs.

Each child is evaluated by a team consisting of family, therapists, supports coordinator and educator. An individualized plan is developed to meet the child's specific needs based on family priorities.

About UCP of NEPA

United Cerebral Palsy of NEPA provides services for people with a variety of disabilities.

Early intervention services, and the Lekotek and Compuplay programs are for children with special needs.

Services for adults include a day program, supported employment service and community living opportunities.

The Home Services and Assistive Technology programs both serve individuals of all ages.

No person shall be excluded by UCP from services due to race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, national origin, or limited English proficiency.

