



LANCASTER COUNTY EARLY INTERVENTION

WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?

- Early Intervention provides services to children birth to 5 who are discovered to have or be at risk of developmental delays.
- There is **no cost** to families and is paid for by local, state, and federal tax dollars.
- Early Intervention helps families participate in every day activities at home, child care, and in the community while helping to reduce the need for services when a child reaches school-age.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD IN YOUR CARE?

Talk with a child's parent to explain any concerns you may have.

Don't wait to evaluate! The first several years of life are important, formative years in maximizing a child's future potential.

Ways to make a referral to Early Intervention:

- Call the Lancaster County birth-3 Early Intervention at (717)-399-7323.
- If the child is over 3 years, contact the Lancaster/Lebanon Intermediate Unit #13 program for a developmental evaluation at (717)-606-1601.
- Contact the CONNECT Helpline at 1-800-692-7288. CONNECT assists by locating resources and providing information regarding child development for children ages birth to age 5.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is eligibility based on a family's income?

- Eligibility is based on a child's developmental delay and need for supports regardless of the family's income.

What happens after the referral process?

- Once referred, the family will be assigned to a Support Coordinator to help them through the screening and/or evaluation process. Following the developmental screening and/or evaluation, the Support Coordinator will discuss the services and options for the family based on the child's eligibility for Early Intervention.