

## DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS?

Visit <https://referral.mditp.org> to learn what is typical development for young children and see if your child's growth and development are on target for her age. If you have concerns, don't hesitate to speak with your child's health care provider and/or an early care and education provider and make a referral.

## NEXT STEPS

1. Check out <https://referral.mditp.org> to learn more information and to complete an online referral. You can also call 800-535-0132 to get contact information for your local Infants and Toddlers Program.
2. You will want to share information about your concerns and priorities when you speak with your local Infants and Toddlers Program. Next steps will include planning for developmental screening and/or evaluation to help determine if your child is eligible for services.
3. If your child is eligible, you will become a part of the early intervention team. Together you will develop a plan for supports and services. These will be provided at no cost and in familiar places where your child learns and plays, such as your home, child care center, the park, or the library.

Anyone can complete a referral to the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program for children younger than 36 months who live in Maryland.

<https://referral.mditp.org>  
1-800-535-0132

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# MARYLAND INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM

*The Earlier, The Better!*



The Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program supports young children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families



# THE EARLIER, THE BETTER

## EARLY INTERVENTION IS KEY

Although all babies learn and grow at their own rate, some children need extra support. Since babies grow and learn so quickly, it is important to get help as early as possible if you or your doctor have any concerns about your child's development.

The Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program provides supports and services so that families can help their child develop and learn during everyday activities and routines. This is called "Early Intervention."

## HOW WE CAN HELP

The goals of early intervention are:

- To enable young children to be active and successful participants during their early childhood years and in the future in a variety of settings: in their homes, in child care or preschool programs, and in their communities; and
- To enable families to provide care for their children and have the resources they need to participate in their own desired family and community activities.

## WORKING TOGETHER

The Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program provides family-centered support by:

- Building on your child's and family's strengths;
- Providing choices to meet your family's priorities and concerns;
- Supporting you to know your rights, communicate effectively about your child, and to help your child develop and learn.

*Families benefit from early intervention by being better able to meet their child's special needs from an early age and throughout their lives.*

The outcomes for all children participating in the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program are to:

- Develop positive social-emotional skills and relationships,
- Acquire and use knowledge and skills, and
- Use appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

