

# Early Intervention Supports and Services

## *Helping Families Develop Their Child's Potential*

### **What is Early Intervention?**

Early Intervention (EI) in Pennsylvania consists of coaching supports designed to help families with children who have developmental delays or disabilities and screening and tracking services for children at risk for delays.

### **Who is Eligible for Early Intervention Services?**

Infants and toddlers who have:

- A delay of at least 25% in one or more of the following areas:
  - Communication – ability to talk, understand and express needs
  - Social Emotional – ability to relate, interact and play with others.
  - Physical (gross/fine motor) – ability to move and use their hands.
  - Adaptive – ability to eat, dress and take care of themselves.
  - Cognitive – ability to think and learn.

OR

- A specialist determines that there is a delay even if not indicated on the evaluation (called informed clinical opinion).

OR

- Based on a disability, such as Down Syndrome.

### **Do you have a concern about an infant or toddler who might be at risk for a developmental delay?**

Developmental screening and tracking services include a process to regularly assess the development of an infant or toddler who is at risk for developing a delay. An infant or toddler may be eligible for tracking services if they are at risk for a developmental delay based on one of the following categories:

- Low birth weight
- Cared for in a hospital's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)
- Prenatal substance exposure, including alcohol exposure
- Referred by a county children and youth agency
- Exposed to lead
- Experiencing homelessness

If you have a concern about your child's development, contact Service Access Management, 717-242-0351 to schedule an initial evaluation.