

Things To Look For:

At 6 months:

- ◇ Smiling and cooing
- ◇ Lifting head and chest when on stomach
- ◇ Reaching for and picking up a toy
- ◇ Turning to a person who is speaking

At 9 months:

- ◇ Sits independently
- ◇ Bearing weight on feet when supported in standing position.
- ◇ Vocalizing or take turns vocalizing with another person.
- ◇ Reaching out and picking up a toy on the first try.

At 12 months:

- ◇ Playing with an object with both hands.
- ◇ Cruising (walking holding on to furniture)
- ◇ Holding a spoon attempting to feed.
- ◇ Saying "mama" or "dada" specifically.
- ◇ Communicating by pointing for what he/she wants.
- ◇ Recognizing familiar people by facial expressions or physically approaching.

At 18 months:

- ◇ Walking independently
- ◇ Scribbling or using utensils.
- ◇ Imitating actions of people in play.
- ◇ Playing near other children.
- ◇ Following commands given with gestures.
- ◇ Using a vocabulary of at least 5-10 words.

Things To Look For:

At 24 months:

- ◇ Jumping
- ◇ Showing frustration or is easily frustrated
- ◇ Engaging in simple make-believe play
- ◇ Using 50 words or 2 word sentences

At 3 years:

- ◇ Dressing with pull-on clothing.
- ◇ Feeding independently.
- ◇ Following 2-3 step directions.
- ◇ Asking 'why' 'what' 'when' 'where' questions.
- ◇ Playing along with other children or sharing toys with some adult prompts.
- ◇ Catching a tossed ball.

At 4 years:

- ◇ Forming complete sentences.
- ◇ Clearly communicating needs.
- ◇ Paying attention in small groups for more than 5 minutes.
- ◇ Understanding or following complex directions.
- ◇ Walking up stairs without a handrail.



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Early Intervention Services

From birth to 3 years

Early Intervention (EI) is a federally mandated program designed to provide family centered evaluations and services to children (age birth to 3 years old) with developmental delays or potential risks for developmental delays.

What is Our Mission?

To maximize the potential of children who are Identified with, or at-risk for, developmental delays.

Who provides Early Intervention Services?

- ◇ Early Childhood Special Educators
- ◇ Occupational Therapists
- ◇ Physical Therapists
- ◇ Speech-Language Pathologists
- ◇ Social Workers

Other professionals may provide evaluations in conjunction with the EI team including:

- ◇ Child Psychologists
- ◇ Developmental Pediatricians
- ◇ Audiologists

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What happens after a referral is made?

A Service Coordinator will contact the child's parent to schedule an appointment to review our program, discuss concerns, and schedule an evaluation. A team of EI professionals will evaluate your child in:

- ◇ Social skills
- ◇ Self-help skills
- ◇ Motor (movement) skills
- ◇ Communication skills
- ◇ Cognitive (thinking) skills

The evaluation typically takes place in the child's home or natural environment.

A meeting will be scheduled to formally review results in a written report, and determine if the child is eligible for services.

What happens if my child is eligible for Early Intervention Services?

The Service Coordinator, parents, and EI professionals will discuss recommendations and concerns.

The child's family and EI professionals will develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) to address the developmental needs of the child. Parents may decline services any time along the process.

Where are services provided?

EI services are available in the child's natural environment, which may include the home, daycare, playground or playgroups.

How much do services cost?

Early Intervention and RS Services are provided at no cost to children eligible for tuition-free enrollment into Department of Defense Schools

Related Services

Ages 3-21

Related Services (RS) are services of a school – based nature which ensure that a child between the age of 3 to 21 is able to maximally benefit from the educational program.

Who provides Related Services?

- ◇ Occupational Therapy
- ◇ Physical Therapy
- ◇ Social Work Services
- ◇ Psychological Services.
- ◇ RS is provided to children in conjunction with DoDDS.

What do I do if I have a concern?

Children ages 3 to 21 must be referred to EDIS by school personnel. Talk with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about your child's development and its impact on his/her education program.



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