

Early Intervention is a program provided by Logan County DD which is publicly funded through local tax levies, state and federal revenue sources.



The Early Intervention program works in collaboration with other county agencies such as Help Me Grow and Project Child to provide comprehensive services for families.



To ask about services, call
DD Early Intervention
937-592-2009 or
Help Me Grow/Project Child
937-592-7287



Mission Statement:

“Assisting people to attain the quality of life they desire and can achieve.”

Early Intervention Program at



Providing home-based services for children birth to three years and their families

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The DD Early Intervention Program is for children age birth to 3 who show evidence of a developmental delay.

Emphasis is placed on working closely with the family, acting as a resource and consultant for the parents.

An Early Intervention Specialist supports each child and family enrolled in the program. This is a professional position requiring a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a related early childhood field and an additional 20 semester hours of training in child development, disabilities, family dynamics and assessments.

Parents are regarded as the primary teacher for their children. In addition to the Early Intervention Specialist, other professionals who may provide services are: Speech Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Nursing and others as needed or requested.

Parents and staff together decide how the baby or toddler is developing, what may be needed to help and put together a plan of service called the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).

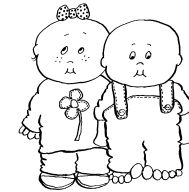
Services and Supports may include:

- Developmental assessment of speech, movement, play, social/emotional and self-help skills
- Home and center visits to model strategies for parents to promote skills through play and functional activities
- Speech, Occupational or Physical Therapy
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Family education and support
- Collaboration with outside agencies and professionals
- Information and recommendations on appropriate toys and baby equipment
- Parent-child groups to provide opportunities for families to meet and learn with other families
- Service coordination
- Nursery School at age 2 1/2 to 3.



A word about play

Play is serious work for children. Play helps a child discover how things work, how to use new words and ideas, build strong muscles, solve problems and interact with others. An early intervention specialist can provide activity suggestions to parents or caregivers so that they can support, encourage and challenge their child to progress in his or her development.



About a child's development of self and relationships

Attachment, temperament, self-control, organization of the body systems/states, interest and response to the world are all important factors when looking at a child's sense of self. An early intervention specialist can provide information and model strategies to the parent or caregiver to promote appropriate and productive behaviors

I can do it myself!

The foundations of daily living skills begin in infancy and are developed over time through nurturing and learning opportunities. Early intervention specialists can provide ideas to make activities a part of the families' daily routine to help the child master self-help skills so that the child can say, " I can do it myself! "