

EARLY INTERVENTION

The Early Intervention Program is focused on enhancing the development of infants and toddlers with diagnosed disabilities or developmental delays. A development delay occurs when a child does not begin to do a skill when it is expected that most children would. A delay can occur in any of the developmental domains, or area. These include cognitive (learning), motor or physical, communication, social or emotional and adaptive (self-help). This program also helps the families of eligible children. The services are at no direct cost to families.

Child Find

Child Find is a comprehensive systems of locating, identifying and evaluating any infants and toddlers who may be eligible for services under the Early Intervention system. We work with families, physicians, and other support agencies to offer developmental screening to all children from birth to 3 in Jefferson County. Call JCPHS with any questions you have about your child's development.

Our goal is to ensure you and your family receive the services that are needed. Our staff members will also help to determine your eligibility, answer any questions or concerns and offer referrals to these or other programs in our community.



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Children With Special Health Care Needs

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Children With Special Health Care Needs Program (CSHCN)

CSHCN serves children from birth to 21 years of age who have (or may have) a serious or chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition.

The Program provides:

- Assistance in locating a physician or other health care provider.
- Assistance in obtaining insurance and other programs which cover health care costs such as the Physically Handicapped Children's Program, Child or Family Health Plus and Medicaid.
- Assistance in finding other help and support such as home care, parents support groups, and information about medical conditions.
- Care coordination services that assist families to access the various services available.



Physically Handicapped Children's Program (PHCP)

The Physically Handicapped Children's Program is a county-based program that helps families pay for medical and related services for children with chronic illnesses or physical disabilities.

Eligibility: Medical

- Physically disabled or chronically ill children from birth to 21 years of age.
- Families must meet financial eligibility guidelines.
- The child's medical condition must be on the list of eligible conditions covered by this program. In general, serious chronic illnesses, physical disabilities, orthopedic and neuromuscular conditions are covered.
- Must have a form of private insurance.

Eligibility: Dental

- Initial referral comes from a general dentist then children are referred to an Orthodontist.
- Application sent to Albany for review and approval for services.
- Children with medical insurance are eligible if they are diagnosed with Cleft Palate, Cleft Lip, both, congenital anomaly or major traumatic injury.
- Meet program criteria.

Examples of eligible conditions are:

- Convulsive disorders
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Cerebral palsy
- Hearing Loss
- Chronic renal disease
- Leukemia
- Cleft lip or palate
- Cancer

Services covered include:

- Physician office visits
- Prescriptions
- Medications
- Durable medical equipment (Wheelchairs, walkers, hearing aids)

Preschool Special Education Program

The Preschool Special Education Program is focused on the educational needs of children from age 3 to 5, until the child is kindergarten eligible. This program is administered through your local school district in a similar way to the local school services children age 5– 21 years. These services are at no direct cost to the eligible children, and are determined on an individual basis at a school district meeting.

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