



Early On: Home Developmental Therapy

What is *Early On*®?

- *Early On* is a statewide service that offers in-home developmental therapies and other services to eligible children between birth-36 months of age.
- Eligible children include those that have fine motor, gross motor, or speech and language delays. Children also may have a diagnosed physical or mental condition that puts them at high risk for developmental delay.
- There is **no charge** to families for an evaluation, the development of an IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan) or service coordination. *Early On* is available regardless of income.

How do I get my child started with *Early On*?

Step 1: Place a referral.

- Parents, Doctors, nurses, or caregivers can contact *Early On* by telephone (1-800-Early-On or 1-800-327-5966) or by placing an online referral at the Early On Michigan website: https://1800earlyon.org/online_referral.php
- After you contact *Early On* you will receive information about *Early On*. It is important to know information shared with *Early On* is **confidential**.

Step 2: Schedule an evaluation.

- A family service coordinator will contact you about setting up an evaluation for your child.
- Evaluations take place at home, to make your child feel the most comfortable. During this time, you can raise concerns or questions regarding your child's development. The *Early On* team will also gather information about your child's overall health and wellness.

Services your child may be eligible to receive include:

- speech-language pathology
- audiology
- occupational therapy
- psychological services
- diagnostic medical services
- early identification
- screening
- nursing services
- social work services
- vision services
- special equipment
- nutritional counseling
- transportation
- counseling (family, group, individual)
- family skills training
- home visits
- special instruction

STEP 3: Developing a plan.

- If your child is eligible for *Early On* services, you will receive an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).
- The IFSP is a written document created specifically for your child. The IFSP lists the goals you have for your child and details what services your child and family will receive. These goals include what, where, when, how often and for how long services will be provided.

STEP 4: Support while enrolled in *Early On*.

- Your family service coordinator will remain involved while your child receives services from *Early On*.

Where can I find more information?

- Your child's pediatrician can answer any questions you have.
- Information can also be found at <https://1800earlyon.org>.

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