

Local Contact Information

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¿Le preocupa
el desarrollo o
la salud de
su hijo?

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Your Child Has Been
Referred to *Early On*

What does this really mean?

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"My *Early On*® person showed me new ways to
play with things we already have at home."

-A Family From Saginaw

"Jayce is walking now. *Early On* helped me
find the resources for braces that helped him
get there."

-A Family From Livingston County



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Why was my child referred to *Early On*®?

Your child was referred to *Early On* because he or she is under three years old, and you may have questions about how he or she is developing. Many parents have questions about whether their child is doing things when they should: looking at you, holding toys, cooing, sitting up, crawling, walking, talking, and playing with other children. *Early On* helps families find out if their child is right on target or could use some extra help.

Early On listens to families. We understand you know your child best. We will be contacting you to talk more about *Early On* services. *Early On* is not Child Protective Services. It is a voluntary program that helps parents and young children grow and learn together. Here are the next steps:

- An *Early On* staff member will call you or send you a letter, or you may call them after receiving the letter. The two of you will decide a time to meet in your home, or a place in the community if you prefer, to talk more about *Early On*.
- Since a referral has been made, *Early On* staff need to let your case worker know if we get in touch with your family. This lets your worker know you are following up with the referral, and that *Early On* staff are doing their job. This does not mean you have to say yes to the services or that your child will qualify for *Early On* services.

Families are our business, and you are at the heart of it. We look forward to talking with you about your child very soon.

Each baby goes through developmental stages. Here are some tips to help you decide if you should ask for help.

By 3 months does your baby...

- lift head and chest when lying on stomach?
- show vigorous body movement?
- respond when comforted most of the time?
- recognize breast or bottle?
- coo – chuckle?

By 6 months does your baby...

- sit with a little help?
- roll from back to stomach?
- respond to own name?
- babble – more than two sounds?
- hold one toy and reach for another?

By 12 months does your baby...

- pull self to standing – may step with support?
- pick things up with thumb and one finger?
- put one toy in another?
- give toy on request?
- give affection?
- follow simple directions accompanied by gestures?
- say 2 or 3 words?

By 24 months does your toddler...

- kick a large ball?
- turn pages of a book?
- express curiosity and explore surroundings?
- ask for items by name?
- use 2 or 3 words together, such as “more juice?”
- recognize familiar pictures – know if picture is upside down?

Early On® Michigan Helping Babies & Toddlers Grow and Learn

Most parents wonder at times about how their child is growing in comparison to other children. Children go through many developmental stages and often at differing rates.

An *Early On* staff person can listen to your thoughts and questions and provide you with resources in your community. An evaluation of your child's health and development will be done at no cost to see if he or she is eligible for services. If your child is eligible for *Early On* services, a coordinator will be assigned.

You and the coordinator will work together as a team to find new and fun ways to support your child and family.



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