


**Alabama Early Screening  
Improvement Training**  
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**Eligibility**

- Infants and toddlers from birth through age 2 are eligible to receive appropriate services if they are:
  - Delayed by 25% or more in their cognitive, physical, communicative, social, emotional, or adaptive development

**Eligibility**

- If they have a diagnosis of a physical and/or medical condition that will likely result in developmental delay

### **Child Find**

- Potentially eligible infants and toddlers may be identified through general observations used by professionals, providers, family members, and concerned citizens

### **Child Find**

- These individuals may call the toll-free Early Intervention Child Find program when they have specific concerns about a child's development

– 1 – 800 – 543 – 3098

– TTY: 1 – 800 – 499 – 1816

### **Child Find**

- Children also may be referred who have a diagnosis with a high probability of causing developmental delay

### **Evaluation and Assessment for Young Children**

- Each infant or toddler referred to Child Find is evaluated by appropriate qualified providers
- The evaluation determines each child's eligibility

### **Evaluation and Assessment for Young Children**

- Once eligibility is determined, the specific service needs of the child and family are assessed, and an appropriate plan is developed with the family and involved service providers

### **Services, Supports and Resource Access for Eligible Families**

- Alabama's Early Intervention System is accessible to all eligible infants and toddlers and their families in natural settings chosen by the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) team, including the family as an active team member

### **Services for Eligible Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families**

- Assistive technology devices and services
- Audiology
- Family training
- Counseling and home visits
- Health services
  - That are not purely medical or surgical in nature

### **Services for Eligible Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families**

- Medical services
  - For diagnosis or evaluation only
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychological services



### **Services for Eligible Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families**

- Service coordination
- Social work and special instruction
- Speech/language pathology services
- Transportation-related costs
- Vision services

### **Individualized Family Service Plan for Eligible Families**

- Each eligible child and family must have a written plan that describes the resources, services, and goals for the child and family

### **Individualized Family Service Plan for Eligible Families**

- The plan must be developed within 45 days of referral for services for the eligible child and must be developed in cooperation with a team which includes:
  - The family
  - An identified service coordinator

### **Individualized Family Service Plan for Eligible Families**

- Providers
- Community resource individuals as appropriate

### **Child and Family Rights for Eligible Families**

- The rights of children and families eligible for Alabama's Early Intervention System are protected under certain regulations and procedures, and include parental consent, complaint procedures, confidentiality, sharing of records and due process procedures

### **Child and Family Rights for Eligible Families**

- Parents with questions or concerns about their early intervention experience should contact:

**Kim Hill**

**Assistant Early Intervention Coordinator**

**334-293-7088**

### **Resources**

- Efforts are made by the service coordinator and other members of the planning team to access appropriate community resources that will assist with the inclusion of the child and family in community life



### **Training Evaluation**

- Please complete the training evaluation form before you leave
- Also please take 5 minutes to complete the follow-up survey via email



### **CME Information**

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### **CME Information**

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**CME Information**

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