

Referral Resources for Developmental Concerns

Alabama has resources to help families that have concerns about their children's development.

Alabama's Early Intervention System

Early Intervention provides supports and services for infants and toddlers birth through age 2 (0 to 36 months of age) who have a medical diagnosis that can delay normal development or who have a developmental delay causing the child to not meet developmental milestones. Early intervention supports and services focus on teaching the parents and other caregivers ways to help the child learn and participate in everyday activities. Early Intervention programs and providers serve every county in Alabama.

Anyone can make a referral, including family members and early care and education professionals. If you are concerned about a child's development, call the statewide, toll-free **Early Intervention Child Find** number, **1-800-543-3098** (or **TTY 800-499-1816**). **Spanish-speaking** families may call **1-866-450-2838**. Additional information is available at **www.rehab.alabama.gov/ei**.

To be eligible for services, a child must be between birth and age 3 and experiencing at least a 25 percent delay in one or more of the five developmental areas – communication, physical (including vision and hearing), adaptive, cognitive and social/emotional. There are 17 available services to enable children to achieve their maximum potential.

Children's Rehabilitation Service

Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS) is a statewide organization of skilled professionals providing quality medical, rehabilitative, coordination and support services for children with special health care needs and their families. CRS utilizes a multi-disciplinary team approach including physicians, nurses, social workers, physical therapists, audiologists, speech-language pathologists, occupational

therapists and registered dietitians to provide services for children and youth from birth to 21. Every county in Alabama is served through a network of 14 community-based offices.

CRS accepts an oral or written referral from the family, a physician, an agency, an interested individual or self-referral, which may be directed to any CRS office. Call the statewide, toll-free **CRS** number, **1-800-846-3697** (or **TTY 800-499-1816**). Additional information is available at **www.rehab.alabama.gov/crs**.

