Families don’t have to wait for their child to “outgrow” a delay. Birth to Three helps families enhance their children’s development.

Who is eligible?
Families with a child younger than 3 years who live in Connecticut and who:

- shows a 2 SD delay in one area, or 1.5 SD in two or more areas of development including:
  - cognition
  - adaptive
  - physical (including motor and sensory)

  or

- has a diagnosed medical condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental delay, such as Down syndrome, autism, extreme prematurity

Who is eligible?

What should I discuss with the parent or guardian?

- why you are concerned about their child’s development
- evaluations are free to the family; consent to bill insurance is requested, including Medicaid
- Birth to Three coaches families to promote their children’s early development during regular routines and activities
- Babies learn best when they practice new skills throughout the day with a loving, nurturing parent or familiar caregiver
- Families of eligible children who earn more than $45,000 adjusted gross per year pay a monthly fee based on a sliding scale

What happens next?

- Child Development Infoline will send you contact information for the Birth to Three program chosen to determine the child’s eligibility.
- Ask the parent for their consent:
  - for your office to release diagnostic, evaluation, or medical reports to the Birth to Three program. This can help determine eligibility.
  - for the Birth to Three program to release the evaluation report and eligibility result to you for care coordination
- If the child is eligible:
  - Encourage the parent to accept Birth to Three supports! Learning how to improve their child’s early development is really important for later success.
  - Participate in developing the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). This is the best way to be a part of the team.
  - If you are the child’s PCP, you will be asked to sign the IFSP along with the parents. Supports cannot begin without your signature.
- If the child is not eligible: encourage the parent to enroll in Help Me Grow and track their child’s development. If concerns remain after 90 days or more, re-refer to Birth to Three. The Child Development Infoline will help with both of these steps. Call 1-800-505-7000.

How do I refer a child?

CONTACT THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT INFOLINE

- PHONE: 1-800-505-7000
- FAX: 860-571-6853
- ON-LINE: www.birth23.org

YOU MAY ALSO ENCOURAGE THE FAMILY TO REFER.

Please do not write a prescription for service type or intensity.
Most children are eligible for early intervention due to a significant developmental delay as measured by standardized testing. Others have a physical or mental condition likely to result in developmental delay, so are automatically eligible, even if no delay is measurable at the time of diagnosis.

Please refer children with these conditions as soon as the diagnosis is confirmed.

### SAMPLE DIAGNOSED CONDITIONS

#### Genetic Disorders

A. Abnormalities of Chromosome Number and Structure
   - All (except Klinefelter Syndrome)

B. Genetic Conditions Associated with Significant Developmental Delay with Known Genetic Basis
   - Angleman Syndrome
   - Bardet-Biedl Syndrome
   - CHARGE Syndrome
   - Cornelia de Lange syndrome
   - DiGeorge Syndrome
   - Fragile X Syndrome
   - Jeune Syndrome
   - Menkes Syndrome
   - Noonan Syndrome
   - Opitz Syndrome
   - Prader-Willi Syndrome
   - Rubenstein-Taybi Syndrome
   - Weaver Syndrome
   - Williams Syndrome

C. Neurocutaneous Syndromes
   - Neurofibromatosis
   - Sturge-Weber Syndrome
   - Tuberous Sclerosis

D. Inborn Errors of Metabolism
   - i. Amino Acidopathies
      - Organic Acidemias
      - Glutaric Aciduria type II
   - ii. Very long chain fatty acid storage diseases - All
   - iii. MCAD (medium chain acylCoA dehydrogenase deficiency)

#### Motor Impairments

- Arthrogryposis / Multiplex Congenital
- Childhood Apraxia of Speech
- Speech Sound Disorder

#### Neurologic Disorders

- Absence of part of brain
- Agryria
- Aplasia of part of brain
- Arhinencephaly
- Brain Malformation
- Cerebral Dysgenesis or agenesis of part of brain
- Cerebral Palsy (all types)
- Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
- Congenital Cerebral cyst
- Degenerative Progressive Neurological Condition
- Encephalopathy
- Holoprosencephaly
- Hydrocephaly, congenital, or acquired
- Intraventricular Hemorrhage (IVH) – grade 3 or grade 4
- Lissencephaly Syndrome (Miller-Dieker Syndrome)
- Macroencephaly / Macrogyria / Megalencephaly
- Meningomyelocele / Myelomeningocele / Spina Bifida / Neural Tube Defect
- Microgyria
- Multiple anomalies of the brain, NOS
- Myopathy
- Peri-ventricular Leukomalacia (PVL)
- Porencephalic Cyst
- Seizures (poorly or uncontrolled)
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy / Werdnig Hoffman Disorder
- Stroke
- Ulegrgy

#### Significant Neurodevelopmental Disorders

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Childhood Depression
- Reactive Attachment Disorder

#### Medically Related Disorders

- Cleft Palate (prior to the operation to repair the cleft and up to one year post-operative)
- Congenital Infections – CNS
  - CMV (cytomegalovirus)
  - herpes
  - rubella
  - toxoplasmosis
- Congenital or infancy-onset hypothyroidism
- Lead Poisoning (≥25 µg/dL) (up to six months after identification)
- Pediatric AIDS
- Prematurity - less than 28 completed weeks gestation (up to 6 months adjusted age)
- Prenatal Exposures
  - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
  - Fetal Phenytoin (Dilantin) Syndrome
  - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (up to 3 months of age only)
- Very Low Birth Weight (<1000 grams at birth, up to 6 months adjusted age)

#### Sensory Impairments

- Blindness
- Cortical Blindness
- Low vision (20/70 best acuity with correction)
- Retinopathy of Prematurity, grade 4 or 5
- Hearing Impairment (a permanent hearing loss of 25dB or greater in either ear OR persistent middle ear effusion that is documented for six months or more with a hearing loss of 30dB or greater)
- Neural hearing loss (includes auditory neuropathy)
- Hearing loss, unspecified

This list is NOT exhaustive and is subject to change. Please check the Birth to Three website “Referrals” page for updates.

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