

## GATEWAY FOR HELP: For Pregnant Women, Children and their Families and Providers



### Help Me Grow:

For families with questions about their child's development or behavior

- Free developmental screening program to monitor a child's development from birth to age 5, via online or mailed questionnaire (ASQ).  
Access on-line at [cdi.211ct.org/program/ages-and-stages/](http://cdi.211ct.org/program/ages-and-stages/)
- Information about children's typical development and behavior
- Connections to community based programs and services
- Connects community providers with networking and training opportunities



### In-Home Family Support Services:

For pregnant women and families of young children who could benefit from in-home support services that promote positive parenting and healthy development

- Pregnancy related information
- Linkages to health care, childbirth education, nutritional supports and other basic needs
- Intensive support for parenting and healthy child development
- Connections to in-home programs and other community services



### Connecticut Birth to Three System:

For families of infants and toddlers with significant developmental delays or disabilities

- Developmental evaluation provided at no cost for children suspected of having a delay
- If the child meets the criteria for delay:
  - Family provided an individualized plan of services and supports
  - Guidance for families to teach the child age-appropriate skills during daily routines
  - Coordination of supports and referrals to community resources



### Early Childhood Special Education:

For children who need special education services

- Information on how to make a referral or connect to local school district
- Developmental evaluation provided by the school district staff if there are concerns
- Eligibility based upon an evaluation
- If eligible, special education and related services are identified on an individualized educational program (IEP)



### Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs:

For children and youth with chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions who require more health and related services than other children the same age

- Service needs assessment
- Family Caregiver Support
- Respite Planning
- Links to Medical Home Initiative
- Referrals to community based resources
- Transition Planning
- Regional Community Care Coordinators meetings

