



Welcome to the Connecticut Birth to Three System!

We are glad you have taken that very important first step to learn more about your child's development. Through an evaluation, your Birth to Three team can help answer any questions you have about your concerns and, if eligible, provide support to your child and family.

Birth to Three was created under a federal law called the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C, to ensure that families of young children with developmental delays are offered supports. Participation in the Birth to Three System is always voluntary and your consent may be withdrawn at any time. For information about Birth to Three including informed consent, confidentiality, and the systems of payment, please view the website at birth23.org.

Before you and your child participate in the eligibility process, here are few things to know:

- The evaluation takes about one to two hours.
- We will use the language you are most confident speaking.
- Evaluations take place where your child feels most comfortable living, learning, and playing, usually at home, or in childcare.
- At least one parent must be present for the evaluation.
- Your Birth to Three team will walk you through the evaluation, step by step. They will engage with and observe your child; ask you questions about your child's history and any concerns you may have; and help you fill out the paperwork. These include:
 - Consent to evaluate your child
 - Consent to bill your health insurance company for the evaluation, with no requirements, no-copays, deductibles, or out of pocket costs for you
- Consent to share information with your child's doctor- important for coordinating supports and caring for your child's health and development
- You are an important part of your child's evaluation team! You will be asked to share information about your child's prenatal history, birth, health, and developmental history.
- Most importantly -- You are the expert on your child. The information you provide, supports the evaluation team with learning who your child is and where their they have strengths and where there might be challenges.
- After the evaluation, the team will review the results of completed standardized testing; the information you provide about your child's history and development; and any reports received from medical providers to arrive at an eligibility decision. The evaluation report will be reviewed with you in your native language and is not final until you have had a chance to read it and make sure that it is correctly documenting your child's strengths, next steps, and eligibility determination.

All early intervention services are at no out of pocket cost to you. However, the state does try to recoup costs from public and private insurance with your permission.

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My Child is Eligible

Your child may be found eligible due to significant delays in development in one of two ways:

1. Your child has a medical condition that has a risk of developmental delays
2. The evaluators determine that your child has a significant delay in one or more areas of development assessed (motor, communication, self-help, cognitive, social-emotional)

After your child is found eligible you will be:

- Assigned a service coordinator, who is responsible for bringing together the people, information, and resources that are important to your family.
 - Guided by your service coordinator in developing a plan called the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) to help you support your child's development during daily activities.
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My Child is NOT Eligible

If your child is found not eligible, your evaluation team will:

- Explain the results of the evaluation.
- Explain that another Birth to Three evaluation can be requested one month from the present evaluation.
- Explain your rights to disagree with the evaluation results and possible next steps.
- Connect you with other programs to promote your child's development which may include:
 - Help Me Grow
 - Sparkler

You have rights! IDEA gives you certain rights that begin immediately after your first contact with Birth to Three. You will receive a copy of these rights prior to your evaluation.

Birth to Three contracts with 20 different organizations to provide the evaluation and all services. If you have any questions, please contact your provider directly. A list of providers can be found on birth23.org "Our Programs" or call Birth to Three at 860-500-4400.

For more information on the Birth to Three System and to review your rights please go to our website www.birth23.org or scan the QR codes below with your mobile device.

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Parent Rights



We are happy to support you in meeting the individual needs of your child and family.