

Our Mission

The mission of Early Intervention at WCSI is to help families coordinate the care of their child who may need Early Intervention services.

Our task is to develop an effective strategy of care through community resources and a system of therapeutic providers. Our charge includes locating, referring, coordinating, and, if needed, advocating on behalf of the family to ensure quality service delivery and care.

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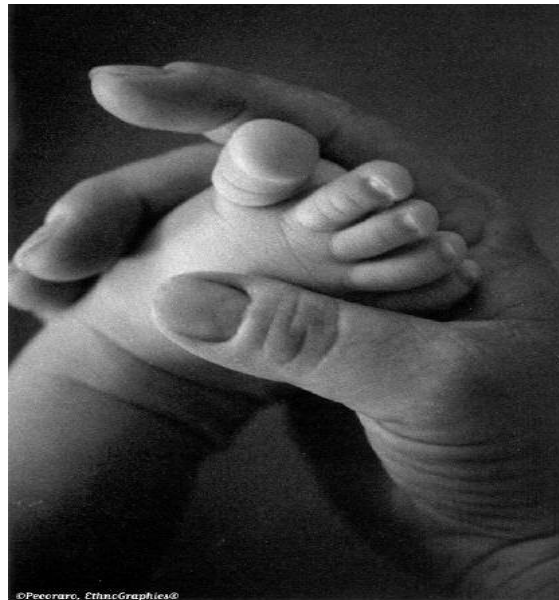
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**Supporting families and children
from birth to three years of age**

Are You Concerned About Your Child's Development?

All children grow and develop at their own rate. During the first three years, children learn naturally by watching others and being shown how to do things. Not all children learn at the same pace. Are you concerned about your child's ability to express their needs? Are they having difficulty learning new skills such as walking? Do they have a special medical condition which is delaying their development?



If you have concerns regarding your child's development, Service Coordination can help you find the answers to your questions, as well as services to meet your child's needs.

What Is Early Intervention ?

Early Intervention is a range of supports and services designed to build and enhance the natural learning that occurs in the early years. Supports and services are provided in the home, child care site and other community settings identified by the family. Any child, age birth to three years, residing in Westmoreland County is eligible for a free screening or evaluation.

Early Intervention services are based on a family focused/family friendly delivery system. This means that the services provided to your child are based on their strengths and any priorities identified by parents. Whatever concerns your family may have, service coordinators will work with you to determine if your child would benefit from therapeutic intervention. Some of the services that are available are:

Speech, Hearing, Vision, Nutrition Services

Physical and Occupational Therapy

Developmental Special Instruction

Who Is Eligible For Services?

Any child who has a 25% delay in a developmental area is eligible for services or a child may have a medical condition likely to result in a developmental delay. Eligibility will be determined by a team of professionals who work with your family to assess what your child's needs may be.

How Are Referrals Made?

Referrals to Early Intervention can be made by anyone. Parents may choose to call. Others may choose to have a Pediatrician, Hospital or Social Service Agency call. Anyone may call Early Intervention Service Coordination if they are concerned about their child's development.

What Is The Role Of The Service Coordinator?

The Early Intervention Service Coordinator is the link in assisting families in obtaining services. Some of these service coordination activities may include:

- Helping families identify and clarify their goals for their children
- Assisting families in finding the resources, services and supports necessary to meet family goals
- Linking families to all available services in their communities
- Documenting services and evaluating if they are meeting the family's goals
- Advocating on behalf of individual children and their families
- Participating in efforts to strengthen services for their child

All Early Intervention Services are free to anyone who resides in

Westmoreland County.

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