

What is Early On?

Early On is Michigan’s statewide system that provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers with special needs and their families.

Under Early On, a family could access hearing and speech services, nutrition consultation and counseling, physical therapy, nursing services, family support, special education, and other services that may be helpful to the development of a child with special needs.  Evaluation, assessment, and service coordination are provided at no cost to families.

Early On is family-centered.  Families are recognized as having the central role in the lives of their children, and are seen as experts regarding their children.  It also means that families and professionals work together, as partners, to plan and provide the services and supports each family member needs, based on their strengths.

Early On involves many agencies at the state and local levels.  It encourages communication and collaboration among agencies and organizations as they work with families.

Is Early On for Your Child?

If you are concerned that your child is not developing as he or she should, or if your child has a medical condition that might affect his or her development, Early On may be able to help.

Early On can assist with a developmental evaluation for your child. A child is eligible if they show a developmental delay or have a qualifying health condition that might lead to delay. If your child is eligible and you wish, Early On will enroll you and help develop a family-centered "Individualized Family Service Plan" that will help coordinate services your child may be receiving from various agencies. Early On can also help identify sources for early intervention services.

You can contact  Early On about your child  in several ways:

In our area, call  COP-ESD  at (231) 238-9394.   
Call the Early On statewide toll-free number. 1-800 EARLYON (327-5966)  
Ask about Early On at other agencies you are already seeing; they can refer you to Early On.