

24 Months

Uses 2-3 word sentences
Says about 50 words
Recognizes familiar pictures
Kicks a ball
Drinks from a cup without spilling
Identifies hair, eyes, ears and nose by pointing
Plays with other children or by self
Shows affection



36 Months

Throws a ball overhand
Rides a tricycle
Says first and last name
Uses 3-5 word sentences
Vocabulary greater than 200 words
Puts on shoes
Repeats common rhymes
Names at least one color
Jumps with both feet off the floor at the same time
Follows 2-3 step directions



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Early Intervention

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**Helping to Keep New York's
Children on Track!**

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The Early Intervention Program (EIP) is a public program for infants and toddlers under the age of three with special needs. Children with diagnosed conditions that lead to developmental delays (such as Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy or autism) are eligible for the EIP. Children with no diagnosis who have delays in development may be eligible for the EIP if their delays are significant enough and meet New York State requirements.



If you have concerns about your child's development, you can call the Essex County Early Intervention Program at 518-873-3522 to refer your child.

Someone else can help you make the referral to the Early Intervention Program with your permission. If your child is found to be eligible for services by someone approved to perform this evaluation, you, Essex County staff, and other team members will make a plan to help your child and your family.

Early Intervention services in your plan and authorized by Essex County are provided at no cost to you. The county will arrange for the services to be provided and will choose the provider based on the needs of your child and family. Your child's health insurance may be used to cover some of the costs. All other costs for EIP services are paid for by your county and New York State.

Early Intervention services are provided where it is best for the child—in places such as your home, day care, or other community settings.



Early Intervention Services Include:

- Special Instruction
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Service Coordination
- Counseling/Social Work
- Family Education

Here's what you might expect your child to be doing...

3 Months

- Turns head towards lights/sounds
- Lifts head when on stomach
- Makes cooing sounds/smiles
- Brings hands together
- Responds to voices
- Follows moving objects with both eyes

6 Months

- Turns head towards sounds
- Rolls over
- Plays with their toes
- Recognizes familiar faces
- Reaches for objects/picks up
- Switches toys from one hand to other



12 Months

- Gets to sitting position
- Pulls to standing position
- Crawls
- Imitates adults
- Plays peek-a-boo or patty cake
- Says "Mama", "Dada" or sounds
- Waves bye-bye
- Puts objects in containers
- Stacks 2 blocks

18 months

- Likes to push/pull objects
- Says at least six words
- Points to a picture in a book
- Feed self
- Carries out simple directions
- Stacks 4-6 blocks
- Walks without help