



*"The staff gave us the tools and education to better guide our daughter's learning. This provided our family with a foundation from which to build skills, and for her to develop in her own way on her own time."*

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*"Words cannot accurately express how comforting it is to be a part of the Infants and Toddlers Program—our experience has been wonderful. Our son's physical therapist is wonderful and gives us the emotional support as well as the physical therapy. **My stress is greatly reduced knowing this program is here to support us.**"*



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Early intervention services that support young children with developmental needs and their families





## WHO ARE WE?

Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program is a joint effort of Frederick County Health Department, Frederick County Public Schools, Maryland School for the Deaf and the Frederick County Department of Social Services. We are working together to help families and caregivers meet the educational, emotional, social and physical needs of young children with developmental delays and their families. We want all children to receive individualized services and support so they enter school ready to learn.

## OUR KEY PRINCIPLES

Infants and toddlers learn best through everyday experiences and interactions with familiar people in familiar contexts.

All families, with the necessary support and resources, can enhance their child's learning and development.

The primary role of a service provider in early intervention is to work with and support family members and caregivers in children's lives.

The early intervention process, from initial contacts through transition, must be dynamic and individualized to reflect the child and family preferences, learning style and cultural beliefs.

Outcomes must be functional and based on child and family needs and family-identified priorities.

The family's priorities, needs and interests are addressed most appropriately by a primary provider who represents and receives team and community support.

Interventions with young children and family members must be based on explicit principles, validated practices, the best available research and relevant laws and regulations.

## ELIGIBILITY

Any child from birth to three years of age who is a Frederick County resident and is suspected of having a developmental delay or disability may be referred for assessment to determine eligibility for services.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE

Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program assessments and services are provided at no cost to families regardless of income. Services are provided in the child's natural environment such as the child's home, child care or preschool. Services for a child and family may include the following and are provided in the context of the child's naturally occurring routines using a coaching model with caregivers:

- Team Assessment
- Service Coordination
- Audiological Services
- Occupational and/or Physical Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Social Work Services
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Special Instruction