Early Intervention

Support from the Very Start

If you have questions about your child's development, you're in the right place.

Early Intervention supports families of young children with developmental delays or disabilities through everyday learning and meaningful moments.

You are your child's most important teacher, and our team is here to support you every step of the way.



Serving children from birth to age 3.

Your EI journey, at a glance:

Discover
- Get Started (Referral)
- Understand Needs

Plan
- See if your child qualifies for support
- Create a plan just for your child

Support
- Support Your Child in Everyday Moments
- Check Progress Together
- Prepare for Transition

Your Support Team

Early Intervention (EI) services are provided by a caring team of professionals who **coach you** to support your child's unique development.

Your EI team may include:

Developmental Specialist (DS)
Supports your child's learning, play, and overall development through everyday interactions, serving as your primary provider.

Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)
Helps children develop communication skills, including understanding, speaking, signing, and feeding.

Occupational Therapist (OT)
Focuses on fine motor skills, sensory processing, and everyday activities like feeding and play.

Physical Therapist (PT)
Builds strength and coordination for movement and mobility, such as sitting, crawling, and walking.

Vision & Hearing Specialist
Works with children who have vision or hearing needs and supports how these may impact development.

Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH)
Promotes healthy expression of emotions and feelings.

Service Coordinator (SC)
Guides you through each step of Early Intervention, serving as your main point of contact from intake and evaluation to planning and ongoing support.



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What to Expect

Let's start with a conversation
If there are any questions about your child's development, Lucas County Early Intervention offers a ***free evaluation.*** We're here to help you get started.

We get to know your child
We learn about your child's development and what matters most to your family.

We talk through eligibility together
Your child may qualify for services. We explain results clearly so you understand your options.

We create a plan together
The EI team works with you to create an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) that fits your child and your family's daily routines.

We support learning in everyday moments
We provide services where your child is most comfortable, and show you practical ways to support them through play and routine activities.

We check in and adjust together
We'll meet with you at least every six months and adjust supports to reflect your child's needs.

We plan for what's next
As your child approaches age 3, we help you prepare for preschool transition or other options. Our goal is to make the next step feel smooth, supported, and clear.



Connect with us

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Learning Through Play & Everyday Moments



We're here to help your child learn and grow through **everyday routines and play.**

During Early Intervention visits, team members work **alongside you** to turn **simple moments** (like mealtimes, playtime, or getting dressed) into opportunities for learning and development.

Together, we make small adjustments to your child's environment and daily routines to support their success. Our goal is to support your family, answer your questions, and share **practical strategies** that naturally fit and ease your everyday life.



Additional Supports in Lucas County

You may also have access to additional supports, including:

- Playgroups
- Future Planning
- Newborn Behavioral Observation
- Parent Support
- Infant Massage
- Loan Closet

Every small step builds confidence, for your child and for you.

GET STARTED TODAY

To get started, scan the QR code and complete the Help Me Grow referral form. Be sure to select "Early Intervention" and click the blue "Send Referral" button at the bottom. For help, call 1-800-755-4769 (GROW).

*Early Intervention referrals in Lucas County are coordinated through our partners at **Help Me Grow Early Intervention**, part of the Ohio Department of Children and Youth.*

bit.ly/LucasDD-early-support

Referral for Services

Scan code or go to bit.ly/OhioHMGReferral

Developmental Checklist

Curious about your child's development?

*Scan to check your child's milestones or visit **bit.ly/LucasDD-checklist.***

If you have any concerns, we're here to help.