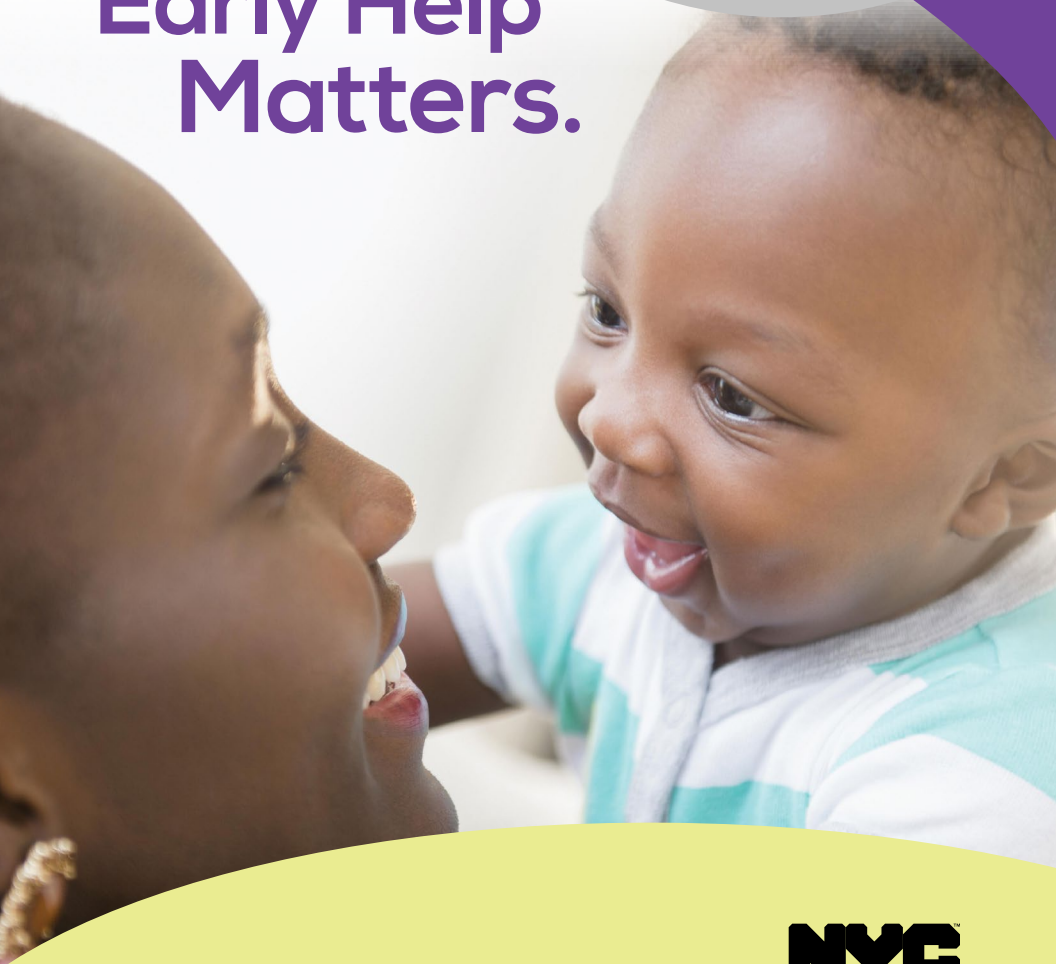


New York City
**Early
Intervention
Program**

for Babies and Toddlers
with Developmental Delays
or Disabilities

**Early Help
Matters.**



Babies and toddlers learn and develop differently. One child may talk later. Another child might walk earlier.

You may be concerned that your child, or a child you care about, is having a hard time talking, sitting up, balancing, crawling, walking, eating, playing or understanding directions.

Maybe your baby was born early or is very small. Perhaps he or she shows little interest in you or others. Maybe a doctor has told you that your child has Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism or a developmental disability.

When children get help for delays and disabilities early, they have a better chance of reaching their full potential. Early Intervention Program staff are here to make sure your baby gets a great start in life.



The Earlier, The Better

If you have a child younger than 3 years old who you think may have a delay or disability, the Early Intervention Program can help.

- ⦿ First, we will assign a Service Coordinator to help you through the Early Intervention process.
- ⦿ We will take a careful look at your child to find out if he or she has any delays and is eligible for the Early Intervention Program.
- ⦿ If your child qualifies for Early Intervention, we will work with you to design a special program to help your child.
- ⦿ Early Intervention therapists and teachers will spend time with you, your child and your family—in your home, at your child's day care center or with your child's babysitter—to help you learn how to help your child.
- ⦿ We will give you practical tips and suggest ways to help your child using your family's everyday routines to get the best possible results.
- ⦿ When your child is ready to leave Early Intervention at his or her third birthday, we will help you create a transition plan to find services that are right for you and your child.

The Early Intervention Program will support you every step of the way!



If you think your child might have a delay or disability, help is available.

Learn more about **Early Intervention**.

Talk to your doctor, **call 311** and ask for Early Intervention, or visit nyc.gov/health/earlyint.

Early Intervention services are confidential, voluntary and free for families,* regardless of income, immigration or insurance status.

*If you have health insurance, including Medicaid, it will be used to pay for Early Intervention services at no direct cost to you.