

# What is the NC Infant-Toddler Program?

The North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program (ITP) provides support and services for the development of infants and toddlers with special needs or developmental delays up to age 3, and their families. Children's Developmental Services Agencies (CDSA) coordinate these services locally to increase your child's potential for growth and development. Early intervention services not only help increase the families' abilities to support their child's needs from an early age but also makes it more likely that your child will reach their highest potential!



## WHAT IS IT?

The ITP helps you learn how to support any delays in the development in your infant or toddler. These needs may include delays in how your child sees, listens, moves, talks, learns, plays or interacts with others, or how he/she is able to handle daily activities. Some children will qualify based on medical needs. There are specific requirements to qualify for the Infant-Toddler Program; in order to find out if your child qualifies, contact your local CDSA to ask for an evaluation.



Just like every child is different, we know that each family has its own beliefs, cultural influences, and values. Early Intervention is not just about the child, but also the family. Based on your child's individual needs, you will work with service providers to create a plan that will focus on helping your child and your family increase skills and confidence. We believe **YOU** are your child's best teacher and you know your child best. Children with developmental needs learn best in the places where they are most comfortable, whether it's at home, school, or other familiar areas, so your provider will work with your family to provide therapy wherever it's most familiar.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

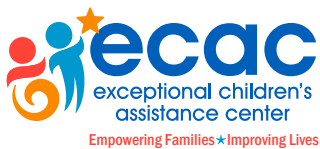
There is **NO COST** for service coordination or evaluation. Other services may be charged on a sliding scale or paid for by Medicaid and/or your private insurance with your permission.



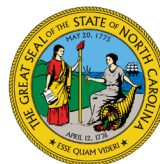
If you have any questions or concerns about your child's development, you can ask for an evaluation at any time. Call, write, or visit your Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) to refer your child to the NC Infant Toddler Program (NCITP). You can find contact information for your local agency online at [www.bearly.nc.gov](http://www.bearly.nc.gov) and enter the name of your county or call 919-707-5520.

A Service Coordinator will help set up an evaluation to see if your child qualifies for the program. If your child qualifies for the Early Intervention services you, along with your Service Coordinator and other providers, will develop a written plan, called an Individualized Family Service Plan or IFSP. The IFSP describes how a family and the IFSP team will address the child's needs as well as the concerns, resources, and priorities identified by the family. Working on any developmental delays or concerns now will give your child a better chance of building a stronger foundation to continue growing and learning at their best potential!

**For more information, contact your local CDSA to get started.  
Find your local office online at <https://bearly.nc.gov> or call 919-707-5520.**



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