



# WHEN TO CALL FOR EARLY INTERVENTION



# Call for early Intervention...

If you notice delays in your child's development, such as not walking by 18 months, having difficulty with speech, or showing poor balance.



or

Your child has a diagnosed medical condition that could cause developmental delays.

# Signs to Look For

Vision and Hearing Issues such as difficulty following objects with their eyes, eye rubbing, or not responding when called.

Speech and Communication Delays that include difficulty responding when being called.

Motor Delays including using one side of the body more than the other.

Also, violent behaviors and changes in mood or sleep and a child who has lost skills they once had.

# What to do...

Contact Early Intervention directly at 888-653-4463. The call is toll-free for New Jersey residents.

Talk to your child's doctor and ask for developmental screening.

If your child has a diagnosed condition that carries a high probability of developmental delay, they may be eligible for services even without current delays.

# Why Acting Early is Important

The first three years of life are a period of rapid growth where the brain is the most adaptable.

## A Child's Development.

Interventions during this time can lead to significant improvements.

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There are generally no risks to early intervention therapies, and children often perceive them as play.