



CCAR Early Intervention Program Industries

Serving Infants, Toddlers, and Families with Special Needs
In Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, and Shelby Counties Since 1974



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The Early Intervention Program (also known as Birth-Through-Two) provides services to identify and serve, at the earliest possible age, children who are experiencing significant delays in their development. Developmental screenings are available to measure the child's overall development in relation to his/her page. If a delay exists, families are assisted in contacting Child and Family Connections to determine eligibility for early intervention services.

If eligible, the family and the developmental therapist then collaborates with the local office of Child and Family Connections to develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). The Birth-Through-Two program provides developmental therapy services in the family home as specified in the plan. Services are available to eligible children until their third birthday.

Other services include developmental play groups, a lending library, usage of available toys and adaptive equipment, a program newsletter, and parent support.

- ✓ We have provided **quality services** to infants, toddlers, and their families since 1974.
- ✓ Our team has **many years of experience** working with infants and toddlers with developmental delays.
- ✓ Our Developmental Therapists have been **credentialed** by the State of Illinois as Early Intervention Providers since 1998.
- ✓ As a part of the **comprehensive program**, the program staff receive on-going training, are subject to background checks, and participate in an on-going quality assurance system.
- ✓ We have numerous **resources for families** including a lending library, specialized equipment loan, playgroups, and informational newsletters.
- ✓ We offer **free developmental screenings** and consultations to families needed assistance with community resources or information on special needs.



Birth through Two Program has been wonderful. My son has grown developmentally and speaking wise in leaps and bounds! This program is amazing and I will always recommend it.

We are very happy with the progress Emily has made. It made it so easy with local services. Thank you for helping us understand our daughter!

Everything was explained to where I understood it and the ladies that came in were awesome!