



early steps

Children's Medical Services

Become an Early Steps Provider!

Early Steps providers help children age birth to 36 months reach their full potential through family-centered early intervention services.

What is Early Steps?

Early Steps is a statewide system of early intervention providers who recognize and honor the important role parents and caregivers play in early child development.

How is the Early Steps approach unique?

Early Steps providers coach families on ways to help their children develop during everyday routines and activities like meal times, playtime, bath time, bedtime, and outings.

- Services are provided in the home, as well as childcare centers and community settings where children live, play and learn.
- Providers become part of a team and participate in consultations, joint visits, and regular team meetings to monitor the child's progress.

How do providers benefit from the Early Steps approach?

Early Steps providers enjoy a variety of benefits including a:

- Flexible schedule
- Steady stream of referrals
- Natural environment proven to result in more successful outcomes.

Who can be an Early Steps Provider?

To become an Early Steps provider, you need 12 months professional experience serving infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays, and a degree/license to practice in one of the following professions:

Audiologist	Nurse	Social Worker
Behavior Specialist	Nutritionist	Speech-Language
Early Interventionist (EI)	Occupational Therapist	Pathologist
Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist (ITDS)	Physical Therapist	Vision, Hearing, or Sensory Specialist
	Psychologist	

For more information on provider eligibility and enrollment, or to submit an electronic provider application form, visit www.cms-kids.com/ESproviders/providers.htm. You can also email any questions to EarlySteps@doh.state.fl.us (please use Provider Enrollment in subject line).

