



Early Steps eligibility is expanding under IDEA, Part C effective: January 1, 2018

WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?

Eligibility	
Eligibility EXPANSION: At-Risk for Developmental Delay *will be added to current eligibility	CURRENT Eligibility: Developmental Delay/Established Condition *will continue
<p>Certain documented physical or mental at-risk conditions, such as: low birthweight (1,200 to 1,500 grams), congenital Hypothyroidism, congenital Cataracts, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). Contact the Local Early Steps program serving your area for the list of limited at-risk conditions. No conditions other than those on the list meet at-risk eligibility.</p>	<p>Confirmed developmental delay or documented established condition with high probability of leading to delay, such as very low birthweight (under 1,200 grams), Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Microcephaly, Spina Bifida, Autism Spectrum Disorder, congenital Zika virus infection. Contact the Local Early Steps program serving your area for the list of established conditions. It is not an exhaustive list, as evidence that another condition has a high probability of leading to delay is acceptable to confirm eligibility.</p>

Services

<p>Only the services below unless the child later becomes eligible as developmental delay or documented established condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbreviated Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP) Service coordination Developmental surveillance/monitoring (in partnership with community/medical home) Family support 	<p>Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP), service coordination, evaluation/ assessment, and services that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistive technology devices Audiology services, behavioral services Family training and home visits Occupational, physical, and speech therapy Vision services Other individualized services
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WHAT WILL BE THE SAME?

Referral Process
Continue to contact the Local Early Steps office to make a referral.
Ages Served
All eligibility categories cover children from birth to 36 months of age.
Income Requirement
There is no income requirement for children with at-risk conditions, established conditions or developmental delay.
Family Rights under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C
All rights such as access to records, ability to consent or decline services, confidentiality, and prior written notice are protected for all eligibility categories.

Contact your Local Early Steps for more information or 1-800-218-0001 or www.earlystepsdirectory.com

