



# EARLY INTERVENTION (EI) PROGRAM

The **Early Intervention (EI)** Program helps young children (birth to 3 years) who are not learning, playing, growing, talking, or walking like other children their age.

The program works with your family to set meaningful goals for your child and create a plan to help your child and your family meet these goals.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?	HOW CAN I REFER MY CHILD?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Child younger than 3 years old (must refer before 2 years and 11 months)</li><li>2. Child has a delay on one or more of the following areas of development:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical (motor skills), cognitive, communications (verbal/talking), social-emotional, and/or adaptive</li></ul></li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. At <a href="#">Pediatric Associates</a>, we can help refer your child to Early Intervention. A clinic Social Worker will contact you and help you request an evaluation.  <i>or</i></li><li>2. You can also apply by calling 311 and asking for “Early Intervention”</li></ol>

Learn more about Early Intervention: [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/early-intervention.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/early-intervention.page)

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MY CHILD IS REFERRED?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A service coordinator will contact you to explain the EI services, begin the evaluation process, and select an agency to use for the evaluation. (This same person will continue to provide assistance while your child is in the program.)</li><li>2. Your child will have an evaluation by a specialist from the agency you select. The evaluation will tell you if your child is behind in developing skills compared to other children their age- like taking a first step, smiling, waving.</li><li>3. If your child has a delay, they may be eligible for EI services.</li></ol>