

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program (MCITP)

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MCITP falls under Part C of The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The program promotes the development of infants and toddlers with delays or disabilities, enhances the capacity of families to meet the developmental needs of their infants and toddlers, minimizes the need for special education and related services when children enter school, and enhances children's long-term outcomes.

What are the Early Intervention Requirements for States?

P.L. 99-457 establishes a new Early Intervention State Grant program to serve infants and toddlers from birth through the age of two. The program becomes Part H of the Education of the Handicapped Act.

Once a state applies for, qualifies for, and receives funds under Part H, it must assure the Federal Government that it will have in place a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary interagency system to provide early intervention services for all infants and toddlers with handicaps and their families within four years of the receipt of such funds.

What are the Timelines for Establishing the Early Intervention Program?

During the first two years from the date the Early Intervention Program receives funds, the state must assure that it is planning, developing, or implementing the statewide system. To obtain funds in the third and fourth years, the state must assure that it has adopted a policy incorporating the components of a statewide system and that the system will be in place by the beginning of the fourth year. During this time period, the state need only conduct multi-disciplinary assessments, develop the IFSPs and make case management services available.

During the fifth and succeeding years, the statewide system must be fully operational and all eligible infants and toddlers must be served. Any state that already has a P.L. 94-142 mandate in effect from birth will automatically be eligible for funding under the Early Intervention Program.

Who is Eligible for Early Intervention Services?

"Handicapped infants and toddlers" is defined to mean individuals from birth to age two, inclusive, who need early intervention because they are: 1) Experiencing developmental delays in one or more of the following areas: cognitive development, psycho-social development, or self-help skills; or 2) have a diagnosed physical or mental condition which has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay. States also have the option of serving infants and toddlers who are "at risk" of having substantial developmental delays if early intervention services are not provided. The terms "developmental delay" and "at risk" are to be defined by the states.

States may also serve children after their third birthday up until such time as the child begins being served under P.L. 94-142. Transition and coordination between the Early Intervention Program and the special education system is required.

Infants and Toddlers Program – Early Screening, Diagnosis and Intervention Program – Montgomery County Children, Youth and Family Services

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The initiative's multi-prong approach includes the promotion of an electronic screening and data management tool among area pediatricians and County clinics, expansion of efforts at the Montgomery County's Infants and Toddlers Program (MCITP) to quickly diagnose infants and toddlers screened positive for developmental conditions such as autism, and the adoption of electronic tools and new strategies to expedite referrals to MCITP and to evidence based interventions after the identification of a developmental delay.

Infants and Toddlers Program – Family Support Network – Montgomery County Children, Youth and Family Services

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www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/CYF/MCITPFSN/index.html

Helps families with children who have special needs to access resources and services to achieve the best possible outcomes for each child and family. The Network works to increase the involvement of parents and guardians in the early intervention and special education decision-making process; develop collaborative relationships between Family Support Network and MCITPS staff, families, and community members by providing information and training; connect parents and children to local resources and agencies who can help them; establish supportive networks among parents in local communities; provide information about disabilities and school system resources; and help families resolve concerns and make informed decisions about their child's education.

Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program (MCITP) – Montgomery County Public Schools

1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852

240-777-3997 (V) - Childbirth through 34 ½ months

301-929-2222 (V) - Children older than 34 ½ months will be referred to Child Find

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/programs-services/infants-and-toddlers/

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MCITP provides early intervention services to assist families with their efforts to address their children's developmental and special needs. MCITP accepts referrals for families with children between birth and 34 ½ months. (Referrals made after 34 ½ months go to Child Find and not MCITP.) For children who qualify, MCITP provides services to families with children between birth and the beginning the school year following their fourth birthday. Families and early intervention providers work as a team to define priorities, learn about available resources and discuss the child's strengths and needs.

Early intervention services are provided in the child's natural environment (home and community settings where a child is during the day). The following may be provided based on each individual child's and family's needs:

- Assistive Technology
- Audiology
- Interpreting
- Family counseling
- Family support
- Family training
- Nursing
- Nutritional counseling
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychological testing
- Services for visual impairment
- Services for hearing impairment
- Social work
- Special instruction
- Speech/language therapy
- Transportation

Children are eligible if they meet the following criteria: demonstrate a 25% or more delay in one of the developmental areas, have atypical development or have a high probability condition that would likely result in developmental delays. The program includes a developmental assessment; a review of family concerns; priorities and resources; meetings with the family to develop an individualized family service plan; service coordination to ensure that the individual and his or her family receive needed services; and ongoing evaluation of the child's progress and his or her changing enrichment needs. These services are provided in a family centered practice model where families participate with service providers to learn skills and strategies to support their children's development. All services are provided at no cost.

Service sites listed on next page.

Five Regional County Service Sites

| Sites | Contact Information | Staff |
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| Down County Site | Sligo Middle School 1401 Dennis Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20902 Phone: 240-740-3290 Fax: 301-649-8266 | Program Coordinator: Ms. Lauren A. Mangrum Program Specialist: Ms. Hillary Spivack |
| East County Site | 19190 Olney Mill Road Olney, MD 20832 Phone: 240-740-3400 Fax: 301-570-2886 | Program Coordinator: Ms. Kathleen Toscano Program Specialist: Mrs. Naina Schneiderman |
| Emory Grove Site | Shady Grove Middle School 8100 Midcounty Highway Gaithersburg, MD 20877 Phone: 301-947-6000 Fax: 301-840-4656 | Program Coordinator: Ms. Tory Pegram Program Specialist: Mrs. Sarah Weinstein |
| Mid County Site | English Manor 4511 Bestor Drive Rockville, MD 20853 Phone: 240-740-2150 Fax: 301-871-0950 | Program Coordinator: Mrs. Marie Marino Specialist: Mrs. Christina D. Miller |
| Up County Site | 12900 Middlebrook Rd., 3rd floor, Suite 3300 Germantown, MD 20874 Phone: 301-353-0972 Fax: 301-601-0386 | Program Coordinator: Mrs. Nancy L. Hiltbrand Program Specialist: Mrs. Sara L. Charles |