

Early Intervention Evaluation Children Ages 0 – 3 Years



Referral Process

Early Intervention is a New York State Department of Health program run locally by our county.

Who Can Refer

Any parent can call their county health department to refer their child for a developmental screening or evaluation. You may also contact Little Lukes to get help referring your child to the county health department.

Service Coordinator

When you call the county to refer your child, you will be provided with a service coordinator. This person will meet with you to talk about your concerns and explain the Early Intervention Program.

Scheduling the Evaluation

Your service coordinator will provide you with a list of approved evaluators from which you may choose. Then your service coordinator will schedule the evaluation. The evaluation will take place in your child's natural environment, generally at home, the babysitter's or daycare center.

Evaluation

Evaluation Team

At an evaluation, a small group of specialists use information provided by you, observations and assessments to determine if your child is eligible for services. The specialists include a professional who is knowledgeable about overall development, and either a physical, occupational or speech therapist based on your specific concerns.

What Happens

The evaluation team will assess your child's development in 5 areas:

Physical: Review of overall health, assessment of motor coordination and screening for vision and hearing.

Adaptive: Daily routine skills including eating, sleeping, dressing, personal care

Social-Emotional: Relating to others

Communication: Understanding and using words

Cognitive: Learning and thinking

Tests Used

Your child is assessed using tests appropriate for infants and young children. This is not predictive of future abilities, it only compares your baby or younger toddler's skills with the range of skills of other children their age.

Time & Cost

The evaluation may last up to two or more hours, depending on your child's age and range of skills. The cost of the evaluation is paid for by the county health department, with no cost for your family.

Parent Involvement

Parents are important to the evaluation process. You know your child best. It is important to have a parent or other primary caregiver present throughout the evaluation session. The evaluation team will discuss what you see with your child.

Next Steps

If your Child is Eligible

If your child is eligible, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed. This will include what you would like to see happen or improve with your child.

Choosing EI Providers

The service coordinator will then find providers for your child. You may request an agency or a specific therapist as the provider of EI services. You can choose Little Lukes from the list of approved EI service providers. We offer Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Special Instruction (teacher) services.

Evaluation Summary

A copy of the full written evaluation will be sent to you within 2 weeks. A copy will also go to your service coordinator. It will only go to additional people, such as your physician or daycare provider, with written consent from you.

If your Child is Not Eligible

If the evaluation team determines that your child is not eligible for Early Intervention services, we will provide you with suggestions and information to assist in enhancing your child's development in the areas of concern. If using those suggestions are not helping your child improve, or if additional concerns arise, then you are encouraged to call Early Intervention for additional assessment.

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Early Intervention Program

The early years of a child's life are very important. During the infant and toddler years, children grow quickly and have so much to learn. Some children and families face special challenges and need extra help. Early help does make a difference!

Referral & Evaluation

You can request a developmental evaluation for your child at any time by calling your county's department of health. We can assist you in contacting the appropriate county representative.

Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

If the evaluation results show you child is eligible for Early Intervention services, the IFSP is the next step. An IFSP is a written plan that describes:

- What you and your family hope to gain from Early Intervention services.
- The Early Intervention services your child and family will receive to help you reach your goals.
- The services that will be provided (who, what, where, and how often).
- Activities and strategies that may be helpful to you and your family in reaching your goals.

Services Available

Early Intervention is designed to be a support for families and we look forward to assisting you in meeting your goals for your child's development. We find joy in working with your child and will make our time together both fun and meaningful.

Approved Provider

Little Lukes is an approved provider of Early Intervention Services, including:

- Speech Therapy (SP)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Physical Therapy (PT)
- Special Instruction (SI)

Licensed Therapists

Our licensed therapists provide quality services for your child through developmentally appropriate play and self care activities. We will maintain confidentiality, and will be informed and prepared for each session.

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Parent Involvement

You are the most important person in your child's life. You know your child best. You understand your child's needs, and what is helpful and what is not. You have the most information about your child so be sure to share your thoughts and feelings with us.

Scheduling

Flexible Scheduling

We will try to schedule appointments at times that work for you and your child. We understand that some children have many doctor appointments or receive several services, or have siblings with other needs, so keep up updated on what is convenient for you.

Location of Services

Services may be provided at your home, your child's babysitter or child care center, or at our locations. It is important that your child has a caregiver present throughout each session.

Cancellations

Please let us know as soon as possible if you need to cancel a session due to illness or other appointments. We will do the same for you.

Progress Updates

Keeping in Touch

If we provide services to your child at his or her preschool, babysitter's or child care center, we will work out a way to keep you informed. This could include regular phone calls, emails or notes in a shared notebook.

Written Reports

Your child will receive, at minimum, a written update about progress every 5 to 6 months. If your child's needs or progress changes this can happen sooner. The IFSP is a flexible document designed to change as your family's needs do. It will be provided with a copy of this document each time it is updated.

Education Goal

The Little Lukes education goal is simple: to help your child blossom intellectually, socially and emotionally, while having a lot of purposeful fun along the way.

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