Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program Services at a Glance

The early intervention supports and services below are available through the Birth to 3 Program. All services are based on the individual goals and outcomes of your family and child. Decisions about services are made together as a team, and put your family and the child first.

You will partner with a service coordinator, who will help you locate and coordinate needed services and supports. All services are provided and funded based on federal requirements. The Birth to 3 Program allows you to access services that help you meet your goals and outcomes, no matter what the funding source is.

Early intervention services help the child learn, interact, and thrive at home, in child care, and during other everyday activities. Learning and growing happens in the places your family spends time and during activities the child finds fun and engaging. The Birth to 3 Program provides services where you are every day. This helps the child develop and practice new skills in the places they will use them.



Primary Services

Service Coordination

Helps your family and child access early intervention services and understand your rights. Service coordinators schedule evaluations, help create the service plan, and connect you with what you need.

Special Education

Engages the child in activities that support their learning and development. This includes ideas that help them grow, learn, play, and get along with others. Individualized strategies are shared to help the child's learning, skills, and overall development.

Occupational Therapy

Helps the child build new skills by practicing day-to-day activities. These new skills will help them play, move, and interact with the world around them. These services help increase the child's ability to take part in daily routines and activities at home, in the community, and other places your family spends time.

Physical Therapy

Helps support the child's physical and muscle development. This helps them move, play, and participate in day-to-day activities. Physical therapy services also help reduce pain and prevent or minimize physical disabilities.

Speech and Language Services

Help the child understand and use language. Speech services include identifying concerns and finding activities that can strengthen muscles so the child can make clear speech sounds. Speech services might also help the child use a speech device and refer them to medical or other professional services when necessary.



Additional Services

Hearing Services

Support to improve the child's learning, communication, and interactions with others. This includes training and prevention. Hearing services help identify if the child has hearing impairments, the degree of hearing loss, and will make referrals for medical and other services when necessary.

Sign Language and Cued Language Services

Help a child learn to communicate in a way that works for them. These services help your family and child use sign language, cued language (handshapes that stand for different sounds), or spoken language. You can also access interpretation and transliteration services (such as amplification).

Vision Services

Help a child with visual impairments learn, play, interact with others, communicate, find their way around, and move safely in the places they spend time. This is called mobility training. Mobility training increases the child's participation in your family's daily routines and activities. These services also include visual and other training that help with hand-eye coordination.

Family Training, Counseling, and Home Visits

Help your family understand the special needs of the child and enhance the child's development.

Social Work Services

Help find and connect you with community resources and services that can help you make the most of early intervention. These services are based on your family's needs or interests. You might be connected with educational or financial resources, parenting supports, family counseling, or other local resources.

Transportation and Related Costs

Fund travel and other activities that are needed to help your family and child get early intervention services.

Physical Aids

Assistive Technology Devices

Help the child increase, maintain, or improve skills. Examples include communications devices, ankle or foot orthotics, and gait trainers.

Assistive Technology Services

Help your family select, get, and use an assistive technology device.



Medical and Other Services

Health Services

Help a child benefit from other early intervention services. Examples include clean intermittent catheterization, tracheostomy care, tube feeding, changing dressings or colostomy collection bags, and other health services.

Nursing Services

Help your family and child respond to current or potential health problems. These services also provide nursing care to prevent health problems, restore or improve functioning, promote good health and development, and administer medications and treatments prescribed by a licensed physician.

Nutrition Services

Help the child with nutrition recommendations, feeding skills and feeding programs, food habits, and preferences.

Psychological Services

Support the child's mental health, social emotional development, and learning. This includes counseling for you (the parent or caregiver) and the child, family counseling, consultation on child development, parent training, and education programs.

Other Intervention Services

Qualified providers support the child's early learning, growth, and development or your family's individualized needs.