

Early Intervention for Hearing Differences



A family guide to early intervention services from the Birth to 3 Program and Coordination Assistance Resources & Evaluation Services (CARES)

Why enroll in the Birth to 3 Program for early intervention?

- Build strong communication and learning skills from the start
- Connect and communicate with your baby to promote emotional bonding
- Get guidance and answers for your "What now?" questions
- Work with Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) specialists who support your child from birth to age 3
- Learn more about what your child can or cannot hear
- Learn to better understand and prepare for audiology appointments
- Explore bigger questions about communication options, technology, and hearing devices
- Meet and connect with other families

Is my child too young for intervention services?

No, your child is not too young for intervention. Evidence shows that starting intervention as early as possible, even in infancy or before you notice speech delays, supports stronger language, communication, and overall development for children with hearing differences.

Is intervention for any level of hearing loss?

Yes, children who have any degree of permanent hearing loss qualify for intervention and benefit from these services.

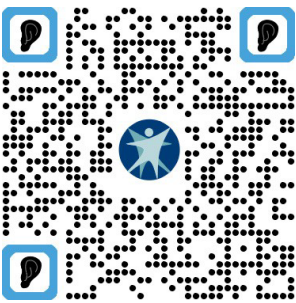


What can I expect when enrolling in the Birth to 3 Program?

- Your child does not need to show a developmental delay to receive services. Children with a permanent hearing difference are eligible due to their diagnosis.
- Local county programs work directly with families for enrollment. There is a Birth to 3 Program in every Wisconsin county.
- The Birth to 3 Program works with families to make a plan that meets the unique goals of your family and child. Services are based on your child's goals.
- Your plan might include working with the CARES team, special education services, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, and service coordination.

What is the Wisconsin Sound Beginnings CARES Program?

- The CARES program is provided in partnership with the Birth to 3 Program services throughout the state.
- CARES team members bring professional experience and information specific to DHH children. This specialized intervention can be critical for language, social, and academic development.
- CARES team members participate in all aspects of the Birth to 3 Program.



www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/newbornscreening/hearing.htm

What happens next?

Your child's audiologist will refer them to your local Birth to 3 Program. The program coordinator will reach out to share more information about the services available and steps for enrollment.



Visit our website by scanning the QR Code to learn more.

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