



Why would a family need early intervention services?

Your child starts learning the day they are born. This learning happens through everyday activities and interactions, such as getting dressed, eating meals, playing with toys and being part of other family activities.

During the first three years, your child will learn many important skills needed for future learning and getting ready for school.

Every child learns differently. Some will reach certain milestones faster than others. Some will need a little help.

Because you know your child best, you might notice that they are growing or developing differently than other children of the same age.

If you have questions, concerns or think your child needs a little help to learn, it is very important to ask for it as early as possible to be sure your child has the best outcome.

For additional assistance including specialty consultations, planning tools, non-medical counseling and more, call or visit MilitaryOneSource.mil | 800-342-9647

How do families access services?

Families may request developmental screening or evaluations directly from EDIS (see contact information below).

Health care providers in the military treatment facility may refer families directly to EDIS.

All services the EDIS teams provide are free to eligible families.

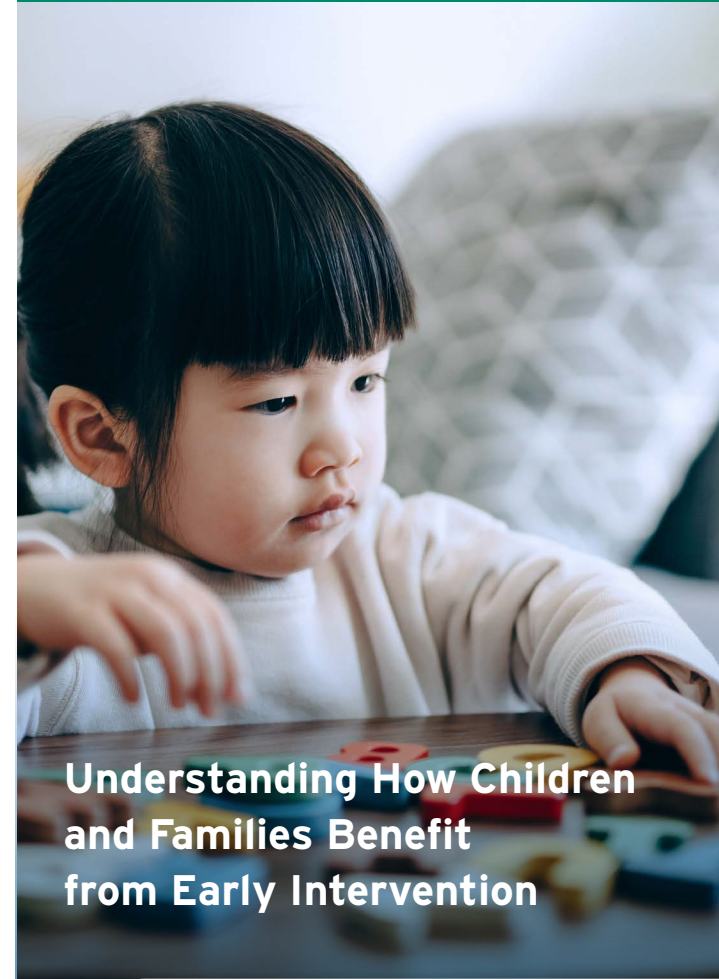
For additional information, contact your local EDIS program at:

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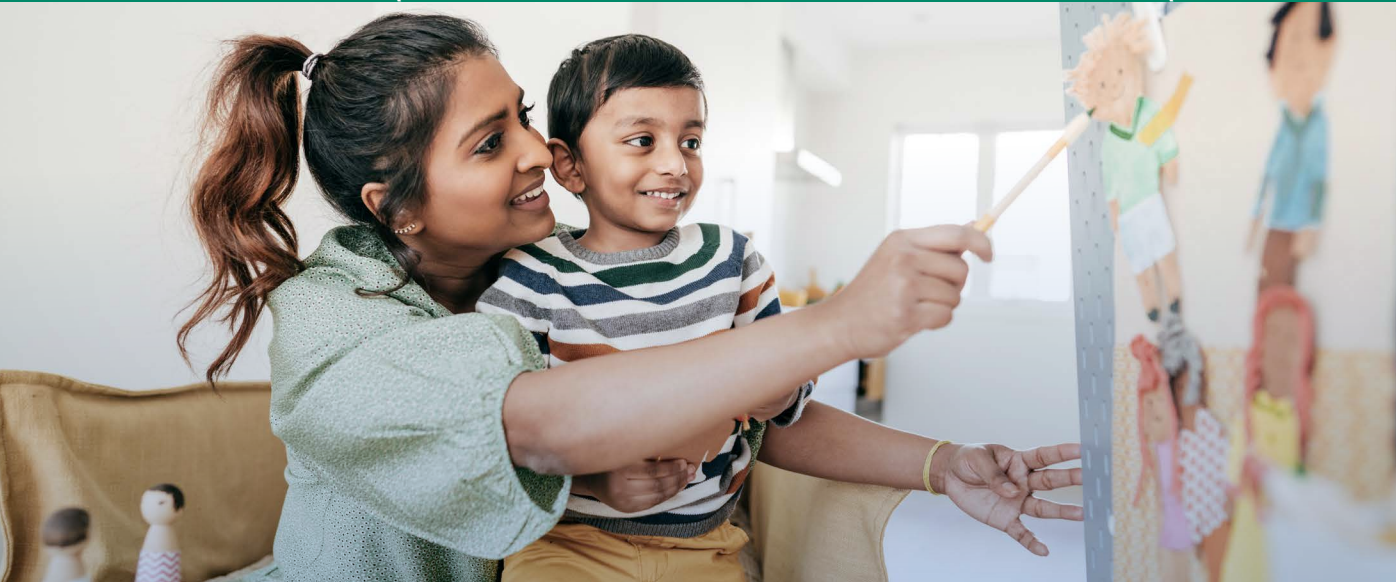


EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES



Understanding How Children and Families Benefit from Early Intervention





Who is eligible?

EDIS provides early intervention services to military and civilian families in the Defense Department who:

1 Have a child less than 3 years of age who has a developmental delay, or a diagnosed medical condition that places the child at high risk for developmental delay.

and

2 Live on a military installation in the United States with a DOD elementary and/or secondary school.

or

Live in an overseas area with the DOD sponsor on a "command-sponsored" tour.

How does EDIS provide services?

Early intervention services help parents and other caregivers encourage children's learning during their typical day-to-day activities.

Services are provided where children and families spend their time. This could be at home, in a day care center, or other community setting. As a parent, you know best what works for your child, so together with your EDIS team, you will decide the best ways to help your child, using everyday activities.

The EDIS team works with families by providing information about child development, and other resources to support children's learning.

Early intervention staff will give you ideas for learning at home and in the community, and information about other agencies you may need to help you achieve the goals you have for your child and family.

What services are provided by EDIS?

Developmental screenings to assist you with determining if your child is meeting his/her developmental milestones.

Developmental evaluations to determine if your child has delays in development and is eligible for early intervention services from EDIS.

Individualized Family Service Plan for eligible children to identify your goals and needs with regard to your child's development.

Early Intervention Services to support you with reaching the goals you have for your child and family.

Transition assistance to help you and your child move on to another program as they turn 3. Or to help you access services at your next duty location.



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