

### **Payment of Services**

Birth to 3 Programs are funded through a variety of funding sources including federal and state allocations. Families that are in the Birth to 3 program are asked to provide access to bill their own insurance company. In Wisconsin, we have a Parental Cost Share System where parents, who are determined able financially, share in the cost of early intervention services for their child. If your child may be eligible for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, or Katie Beckett programs, you will be asked to apply.

### **Your Rights**

The Birth to 3 Program has specific rights (English and Spanish) and procedural safeguards for children and families. These are your legal assurances that the Birth to 3 Program will follow specific procedures, respecting your views and preferences about the services your child and family receive. There may be time when you disagree with the county Birth to 3 agency about your child's early intervention services. This is called a dispute. As a parent, you have the right to disagree with the decisions made regarding evaluation for eligibility, assessment results, services, or payment of services for your child. Most county Birth to 3 Programs have a local process for resolving conflicts; please ask your Service Coordinator for more information. You have the following additional options available to you to resolve the dispute: Mediation, Due Process Hearing, and IDEA Complaint.

### **Mission Statement**

Providing quality services for individuals and families in a safe, supportive, respectful partnership by promoting health, well-being, and self-sufficiency.

### **Vision Statement**

To promote safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency for the individuals of Juneau County. We strive to do so by remaining open-minded to the ideas and suggestions of others; provide person-centered services in the least intrusive and least restrictive way possible; collaborate with our departments and community partners; to function with integrity in all matters, manage public resources responsibly; and acknowledge the values and beliefs of others in a courteous and respectful manner.

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## Birth to 3 Program

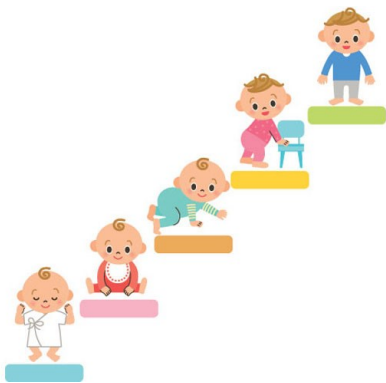
# Birth to 3

## What is Birth to 3?

Birth to 3 is an early intervention special education program. It helps children under the age of 3 who have delays or disabilities by supporting your child's development and building your family's knowledge, skills, and abilities.

### *The first three years build a lifetime.*

B3 is a federally mandated program (part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act-IDEA). The program will work with you to evaluate your child's development and develop a plan for services based on your family and child's unique strengths, concerns, and needs. We will also provide information about additional community resources and assist you with accessing them.



## Program Eligibility

Children aged birth to 36 months with at least one of the following:

- Developmental delay of at least 25% in one or more area of development  
Areas of Development include:  
**Communication** (understanding and using language)  
**Social-Emotional** (relating with others & managing emotions)  
**Motor** (how the body moves)  
**Cognition** (learning, thinking)  
**Adaptive Behavior** (self-help/independence skills)
- A diagnosed medical or mental health condition with a high probability of developmental delay
- Atypical development that negatively affects your child's overall development

## Referrals

Parents are often the first to be concerned about their child's development and may submit a referral on their child's behalf. Referrals may also come from doctors, hospitals, clinics, schools, child care centers, and other organizations or agencies that come into contact with young children.

If you would like to make a referral, request a free screening, or if you have any questions or concerns about the way your child is developing please call and ask to speak with the Birth to 3 Coordinator.

## Key Principles of Birth to 3

- Infants and toddlers learn best through everyday experiences and interactions with familiar people in familiar contexts.
- All families, with the necessary supports and resources, can enhance their children's learning and development.
- The primary role of a service provider in early intervention is to work with and support family members and caregivers in children's lives.
- The early intervention process, from initial contacts through transition, must be dynamic and individualized to reflect the child's and family members' preferences, learning styles and cultural beliefs.
- IFSP outcomes must be functional and based on children's and families' needs and family-identified priorities.
- The family's priorities, needs and interests are addressed most appropriately by a primary provider who represents the family and receives team and community support.
- Interventions with young children and family members must be based on explicit principles, evidence based practices, best available research, and relevant laws and regulations.