

CONCERNED

how your child reacts, behaves,
or plays with others?

EVERY CHILD IS UNIQUE.
BUT IF YOU ARE CONCERNED, EARLY INTERVENTION CAN HELP.



WHAT IF YOUR CHILD ISN'T REACTING, BEHAVING, OR PLAYING LIKE CHILDREN THEIR AGE?

If your child is not interacting with people like other children their age, they might be eligible for Early Intervention. Ohio Early Intervention supports families with children birth to age 3 so they can have the best possible start in life.

Early Intervention professionals support you and your child by addressing concerns as early as possible, with services right where your child lives, plays, and spends their day. Services are available in every part of the state and to any eligible child, regardless of the family's income.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES ARE DESIGNED FOR EACH CHILD'S SPECIFIC SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL NEEDS.

Children can benefit from an early focus on social/emotional behavior because:

- The early years are a critical time for children's brains and body development;
- Children can build skills to meet their unique social/emotional development goals; and
- Early Intervention services can support parents and caregivers in understanding their child's social/emotional developmental needs.

DON'T WAIT. ACT EARLY!

If you are concerned about how your child reacts, behaves, or plays with others, you should talk to your child's doctor about your concerns and Early Intervention.

REFER YOUR CHILD TO EARLY INTERVENTION

Call **1-800-755-GROW (4769)** or visit **www.OhioEarlyIntervention.org**.

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WHAT FAMILIES SAY ABOUT EARLY INTERVENTION

We started with speech concerns and quickly uncovered a sensory processing disorder. Our speech therapist looked at the totality of our son's needs and always made us feel like we not only had her support, but also the support of the whole team for anything we needed.

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HOW EARLY INTERVENTION CAN HELP YOUR CHILD'S SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

Early Intervention supports children's social/emotional behavior by:

- Helping with your child's social/emotional developmental needs;
- Building your skills to support your child's social/emotional interactions;
- Supporting your family in adapting your home so your child has more ways to practice positive social/emotional skills; and
- Helping find preschool or other services after Early Intervention.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NEXT?



Get a snapshot of your child's development today! For Ohio families with a child under the age of 3, Ohio Early Intervention offers the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) Online screening to help you understand your child's development. This developmental screening is free, short, and easy-to-complete.

Visit **helpmegrow.org/ASQ** to start the screening.

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