

CHILDREN DEVELOP *FAST*

Some of the fastest development for a child comes in the first three years of life. Like you, Milwaukee County DHHS Disabilities Services Division (DSD) wants your child to have every chance to develop to his or her full potential.

HOW WE CAN HELP

If your child is two years and nine months of age or younger, and you are concerned he or she may be developing more slowly than expected, or have a disability affecting early development, Milwaukee County DHHS's Birth to Three Program may be able to:

- Evaluate your child to identify potential developmental delays
- Provide you with information about, and referrals to, important resources in our community
- Provide early childhood intervention services



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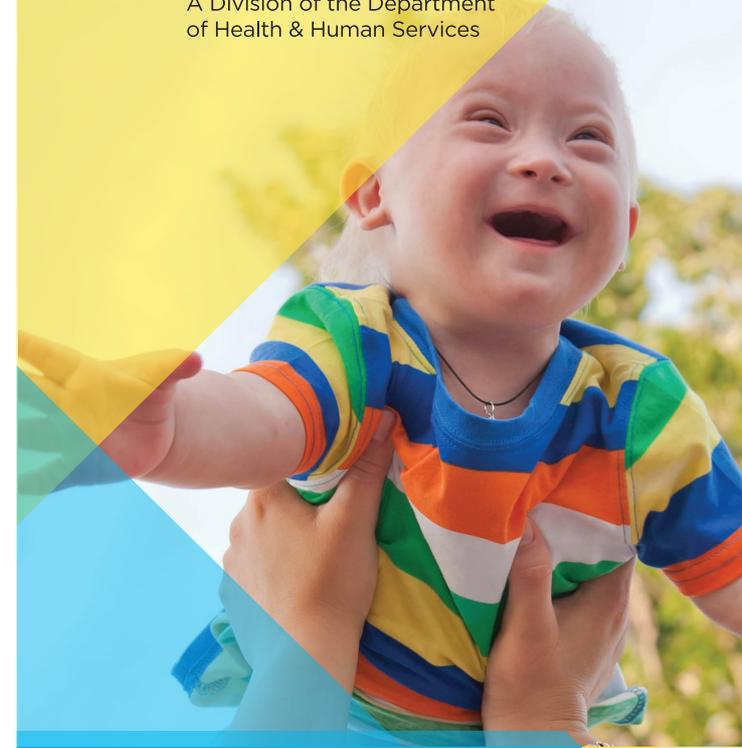
Together, creating healthy communities.

BIRTH TO THREE PROGRAM



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Getting children with disabilities the best start in life with great care from the start.

REFERRALS ARE EASY!

Referrals can be made from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling **(414) 289-6799** (English and Spanish).

Once referred, your child will be assigned a service coordinator and expert evaluation team. The screening can take place anywhere you and your child feel comfortable.

The Purpose of the Milwaukee County DHHS Disabilities Services Division:

Empowering safe, healthy, meaningful lives by connecting individuals with disabilities to resources that promote independence and inclusion.



WHAT DO EVALUATORS LOOK FOR?

Your team will talk with you about your child as well as test his or her abilities in the areas of:

- Learning
- Moving
- Seeing
- Hearing
- Self-help
- Communicating
- Understanding
- Responding to and developing relationships with others.

If the evaluation finds your child is developing more slowly, the Milwaukee County DHHS Birth to Three Program will be there for your family.

Your service coordinator will work with you to put together a plan to address the specific needs of your child and family. He or she also will help you choose experts in our community, who provide the kinds of services that can help your child develop more fully.

Those services may include providing:

- Special education to improve your child's learning ability
- Physical and occupational therapy to help your child with muscle movement
- Speech therapy to expand your child's ability to communicate.



Empowering People | Strengthening Community

If you believe your child is not developing quickly enough, know the Milwaukee County DHHS Birth to Three Program is there to help.

PLEASE CALL.

The earlier a child receives an evaluation and services, the more we can do to help.

