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OMCFH/WV BIRTH TO THREE

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WV BIRTH TO THREE
(304) 558-5388 or Toll-Free (In WV) 1-800-642-9704
www.wvdhhr.org/birth23

WV Birth to Three services are administered by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health in cooperation with the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC). All eligible infants/toddlers and their families are entitled, as needed to a comprehensive array of early intervention services.

ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Age eligibility includes children up to 36 months.
- ▶ There are no financial eligibility requirements.
- ▶ Eligibility is based only on a child meeting with one of the following definitions:
 1. Is experiencing a developmental delay: An infant or toddler who has been diagnosed by a multi-disciplinary team as having a significant delay in one or more of the following areas of development:
 - ▶ cognitive development
 - ▶ physical development including vision and hearing
 - ▶ communication development
 - ▶ social and emotional development
 - ▶ adaptive development
 2. Has a diagnosed physical or mental condition which has a high probability or resulting in developmental delay – includes infants/toddlers who have a diagnosed condition but may not be demonstrating delays at the time of evaluation. Examples of such conditions include, but are not limited to:
 - ▶ Down Syndrome and other chromosomal abnormalities associated with delay;
 - ▶ Congenital syndromes or genetic disorders associated with developmental delays; and/or
 - ▶ Inborn errors of metabolism.

3. Is at significant risk of having substantial developmental delays if early intervention (EI) services are not provided. Risk may be established when children are experiencing a combination of multiple biological and/or environmental risk factors in accordance with the state definition.

REFERRALS

Referrals may be made directly to the child's local WV Birth to Three provider by parents, service providers, or others. By federal and state law, referrals for determining WV Birth to Three eligibility should be made within two days after identification of a child who may need early intervention services. Further referral information can be obtained from the statewide toll-free Family Matters number 1-888-WVFAMILY or from the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health's toll-free number, 1-800-642-9704.

Children age three years or older with suspected developmental delays should be referred to their local county school system.

ASSESSMENT/PLAN

Children who are suspected of having or being at significant risk of developmental delay receive a multi-disciplinary evaluation to determine eligibility for the WV Birth to Three Program under Part C (formerly Part H) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The multi-disciplinary assessment also helps to identify the needs of the child and family. With participation of the family, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed for each child's family based upon the strength and abilities of the child and shaped by the concerns and priorities of the family. Services and supports listed on the plan are targeted to promote the child's development as well as to support the ability of the family and other care givers to address the special needs of their child.

SERVICES

According to federal law, entitled services identified on a child/family's IFSP are delivered in natural environments. Families determine the environment in which the child would be if he/she was not in need of early intervention services. Services may also support the family's participation in community activities and everyday routines. It is important that services and strategies are designed to work across all of the child's and family's natural environments.

A variety of specialists may be called upon to help the family decide what strategies and services they need. These specialists may include:

- audiologists
- counselors, social workers
- child development specialists
- nurses
- occupational therapists
- physical therapists
- registered dietitians
- speech language pathologists
- vision specialists

Local WV Birth to Three programs may provide these services directly or through a variety of other community providers. Services may also include transportation necessary to receive other WV Birth to Three services.

COST OF SERVICES

All entitled services in a child's IFSP are provided at no charge to the family, except as allowed by state and federal law. WV Birth to Three programs may bill Medicaid or private insurance with a family's permission, but only at "no charge" to the family.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

If you have questions, you may call the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, WV Birth to Three at 304-558-5388, or toll-free at 1-800-642-9704.

These services are funded in part by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, through the U.S. Department of Education and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (the state's lead agency responsible for implementation), Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family, Health, in cooperation with the West Virginia Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council.

WV BIRTH TO THREE LOCAL POINTS OF ENTRY

Region 1 – Regional Administrative Unit

Catholic Community Services
1025 Main Street, Suite 502
Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 214-5775; Fax (304) 214-5792
Toll free 1-800-619-5697

Serves: Brooke, Hancock, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Tyler, Wetzel

Region 2 – Regional Administrative Unit

The Arc of Mid Ohio Valley
521 Market Street #17
Parkersburg, WV 26101
(304) 485-2000; Fax (304) 865-2072
Toll free 1-866-401-8919

Serves: Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wirt, Wood

Region 3 – Regional Administrative Unit

River Valley Child Development Services
1701 Fifth Avenue Box 14
Charleston, WV 25312
(304) 414-4460; Fax (304) 414-4461
Toll free 1-866-402-2094

Serves: Clay, Jackson, Kanawha, Roane

Region 4 – Regional Administrative Unit

River Valley Child Development Services
611 Seventh Avenue, Suite 205
Huntington, WV 25701
(304) 523-5444; Fax (304) 523-5556
Toll free 1-866-WVBTT55 (1-866-982-8855)

Serves: Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, Wayne

Region 5 – Regional Administrative Unit

MountainHeart Community Services
1200 Harrison Avenue, Suite 220
Elkins, WV 26241
(304) 637-2844; Fax (304) 637-2845
Toll free in WV 1-800-449-7790

Serves: Barbour, Lewis, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Upshur

Region 6 – Regional Administrative Unit

MountainHeart Community Services
P.O. Box 1610
Lewisburg, WV 24901
(304) 647-3810; Fax (304) 647-5521
Toll free 1-866-229-0461

Serves: Braxton, Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Summers, Webster

Region 7 – Regional Administrative Unit

MountainHeart Community Services
195 Davis Street / P.O. Box 5650
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-2926; Fax (304) 425-7367
Toll free 1-866-207-6198

Serves: Fayette, Mercer, McDowell, Raleigh, Wyoming

Region 8 – Regional Administrative Unit

RESA VIII
109 South College Street
Martinsburg, WV 25401
(304) 267-3595; Fax (304) 267-3599
Toll free 1-866-681-4957

Serves: Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton