Early Intervention Services Pathway: Birth–3

"START HERE" REFERRAL

Once your child is referred to Birth to Three, a Service Coordinator will contact you to discuss the program and answer any questions you have.

SCREENING

With your consent, a developmental screening, or checklist, will be completed with you and your child. Your input and screening results will help determine if an Evaluation is in your child's best interest at this time.

You have the right to request a full evaluation at any time

TRACKING

If no concerns are noted on your child's screen, you will be offered a rescreen at a later date, or upon your request.

Your child can move to the evaluation stage if:

—They automatically qualify for services (several medical conditions; born 28 weeks or less gestation)

—If their screen shows concerns

—Parent request for evaluation

EVALUATION

Your child's evaluations will consist of at least 2 developmental tests focusing on the areas of concern. Standard Deviations generated by these evaluations will determine your child's eligibility for Birth to Three. Evaluations are completed by your child's school district.

ELIGIBILITY/INITIAL IFSP MEETING

Your team will meet with you and review the results of your child's evaluations. Eligibility **(Prolonged vs. Part C)** will be determined. If eligible, your child's Initial IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan) is written to include your family's priorities as well as their evaluation results.

Prior to your Initial IFSP Meeting: Your Service Coordinator will meet with you to conduct a **Routines Based Interview.** This will result in a list of your family's priorities for your child.

PROLONGED VS. PART C ELIGIBILITY

PROLONGED: Evaluations show a -2.00 or more below the mean in two or more areas of development.
Prolonged Eligibility = School District Team/Responsibility

PART C: -1.50 or more below the mean in one area of development **OR** Medical Dx that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay **OR** Born at 28 weeks gestation or less **OR** Informed clinical opinion

SERVICES

Services as written in the IFSP must begin within 30 days of the IFSP being written. Services will take place in your child's natural environment.

TRANSITION PLANNING

IFSP meetings include transition planning, or a plan for when your child exits the program.

—Part B, Early Head Start, Child Care, etc.

REVIEW AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

IFSP Review meetings are held as-needed. IFSP is re-written annually.

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