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of Shenandoah Valley*

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# The Sooner. The Better.

*The Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley is an early intervention service which teaches, coaches and mentors families of children up to the age of three with a developmental delay or diagnosed disabling condition.*

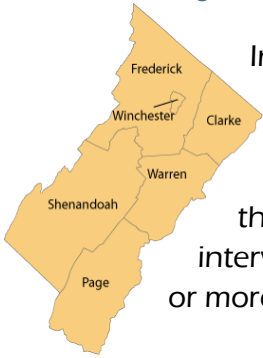


## *What Makes the Program Unique?*

Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley is a joint collaboration between both public and private sectors to best serve the northern Shenandoah region.

- ❖ Licensed providers specialize in cognitive, physical, communication, social, emotional, adaptive and atypical development
- ❖ Services are offered to any child meeting program criteria
- ❖ Program is completely voluntary – parents can opt out at any time or can access services even if they refused them previously
- ❖ Licensed professionals work with family in their natural setting (i.e. home, daycare, parks)
- ❖ Program provided by Grafton, in partnership with the City of Winchester

## Who is Eligible?



Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley is intended to support as many children as possible. Children under the age of three are eligible for early intervention services if they exhibit one or more of the following:

- 25% or greater delay in cognitive, physical, communication, social, emotional or adaptive development
- Atypical development (e.g., behavioral disorders, affective disorders, abnormal sensory-motor responses)
- A diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay

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"When we received our daughter's diagnosis of Down syndrome, I thought that she would never be like other "typical" children. Thanks to ITC and her wonderful therapists, my daughter is doing so much more than we thought she would. In some ways, my daughter is more advanced than typical children her age and that's all thanks to ITC!"

~ Jennifer Harrell, parent

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## *How are Assessments Made?*

To know if a child is eligible for early intervention support, assessments are made by at least two licensed professionals from different disciplines. Providers will then work with family to create an Individualized Family Service Plan, which will list outcomes the family would like to see for their child and what support will be needed to reach those outcomes.



## *What is the Cost?*

Early intervention services come at no or minimal out-of-pocket costs to families of children that meet program criteria. No child will be denied services due to an inability to pay.

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***“The Infant & Toddler Connection provides a necessary and invaluable service to parents of children with developmental delays. Working with a child in their natural environment makes all the difference in the world. Early Intervention Services provide the tools to help children accomplish their developmental goals.”***

*~ Mary Blowe, parent*

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## Why is it Important?

The Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley provides both short and long term benefits to families and communities. The following are advantages of early intervention services:

- 96% of families that participate in early intervention services agree that it had a positive impact on their child's life
- Children who receive early intervention services are less likely to develop a second disability
- Up to \$17 can be saved for every \$1 we invest in early intervention treatment
- There is a 50% reduction in the need for further special education services when children participate in early intervention

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“Early intervention services are extremely valuable for children who are at-risk or exhibiting developmental delays. Statistical evidence comparing early intervention to no intervention demonstrates a greater achievement of developmental milestones and a higher level of functioning in those who received services.”

~ Dr. Scott Cole, Pediatrician

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## Contact Us

To get involved, please contact a Shenandoah Valley service coordinator at 540-635-2452 or at [questions@itcshenvalley.com](mailto:questions@itcshenvalley.com).

*\*Interpreting services are available if needed.*



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