

A Presentation On



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Infant *g* Toddler Connection
of Shenandoah Valley



Agenda

- Welcome
- Background on ITC Shenandoah Valley
- Developmental Milestones
- Importance of Early Intervention
- How to Make a Referral



What is Infant and Toddler Connection?

Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley teaches, coaches and mentors families of children up to the age of three with a developmental delay or diagnosed disabling condition



What is Infant and Toddler Connection?

Services provided in homes and other natural environments



Works with families to improve a child's level of functioning



Serves children ages 0-36 months



Who is eligible?

Children are eligible if they exhibit one or more of the following:

- 25% or greater delay in cognitive, physical, communication, social, emotional or adaptive development

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- Atypical development (e.g., behavioral disorders, affective disorders, abnormal sensory-motor responses)

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- A diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay

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Did you Know?

No child is denied services due to an inability to pay

Children can access services even if they were previously refused

Most private insurance carriers and Medicaid cover early intervention services



Who Provides Services?

- Multidisciplinary Team of Licensed Professionals
 - Specializing in cognitive, physical, communication, social, emotional, adaptive and atypical development
- Lead Agency: Grafton School
 - Partnered with the City of Winchester



Who Provides Services?

- State Services
 - Managed under the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)
- Federally Funded Program
 - Funding provided under Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)



Purpose of Early Intervention

- Early intervention services address delays in development as quickly as possible in an effort to minimize services later in a child's life
 - Involve a child's full circle of support
 - Empower parents and families by coaching them on exercises and actions they can engage in during their child's existing daily activities
 - Provides children and families the tools needed to realize their full potential



Developmental Red Flags

What to Ask Parents About Their Child's Development

0-12 Months

When you smile, does your baby smile back at you?

Does your baby put toys in their mouth to explore them?

Can your baby hold something in each hand at the same time?

Does your baby look at pictures in a book?

12-24 Months

Does your baby say words other than "Mama" or "Dada"?

Does your baby like putting things in and out of containers?

Can your baby scribble on paper using crayons or pencils?

Does your baby wave "bye-bye" when you do?

24-36 Months

Can your child put two or more words together?

Does your child ask questions?

Can your child take off their clothing on their own?

Does your child turn pages of a book one at a time?



Benefits of Early Intervention

- What it means for the child and family
 - 96% of families that participate agree early intervention had a positive impact on their child's life
 - Children are less likely to develop a second disability
 - Families experience less feelings of isolation, stress and frustration



Benefits of Early Intervention

- What it means for the community
 - Up to \$17 can be saved for every \$1 invested in early intervention services
 - Children are more likely to later be a contributing member of their community
 - There is a 50% reduction in the need for further special education services



Making a Referral

- Referral forms available at www.itcshenvalley.org
- Contact Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley at 540-635-2452
- Assessments are made by at least two licensed professionals from different disciplines



More Information

- For more information on Infant & Toddler Connection of Shenandoah Valley:
 - Visit www.itcshenvalley.org
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 - Visit www.infantva.org



Questions?

