

Eligibility Categories

These categories are used to determine if an infant or toddler, birth to three years of age, has a condition or concern that may make the child eligible for early intervention through the New Hampshire Family Centered Early Supports and Services Program.

You do not have to determine eligibility to make a referral. This is done through a multidisciplinary evaluation after referral. Please use the information as a guide.

Developmental Delay: 33% delay in one or more of the following areas, as determined by a multidisciplinary evaluation. Specific diagnoses are not a necessary requirement for this eligibility category. 1. Physical development; 2. Cognitive development 3. Communication development 4. Social or emotional development 5. Adaptive development

Established condition: Means a child, birth through age 2, with a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay, even if no delay exists at the time of referral. Included, at a minimum, are these conditions: Chromosomal anomaly or genetic disorder; Inborn metabolic fault; Congenital malformation; Severe infectious disease; Neurological disorder; Sensory impairment; Developmental delay secondary to severe toxic exposure; Severe attachment disorder; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorder; Lead Poisoning; Other

Atypical Behavior: as documented by the family and qualified personnel including: Extreme fearfulness or other modes of distress that do not respond to comforting by caregivers, Self-injurious or extremely aggressive behaviors, Extreme apathy, Unusual and persistent patterns of inconsolable crying, Chronic sleep disturbances, Regressions in functioning, Absence of pleasurable interest in adults and peers, Inability to communicate emotional needs, or Persistent failure to initiate or respond to most social situations.

At Risk for substantial developmental delay by experiencing a total 5 or more of the following:

Affecting the child: Birth weight less than 4 pounds (1, 814.37 grams); Respiratory distress syndrome; Gestational age less than 27 weeks or more than 44 weeks; Asphyxia; Infection; History of abuse or neglect; Prenatal drug exposure due to mother's substance abuse or withdrawal; Nutritional problems that interfere with growth and development; Intracranial hemorrhage grade III or IVq; Homelessness; Other

And/or, documented conditions, events or circumstances affecting a parent including: Developmental disability; Psychiatric disorder; Family history of lack of stable housing; Education less than 10th grade; Social isolation; Substance addiction; Age of either parent less than 18 years; Parent/child interactional disturbances; Founded child abuse or neglect as determined by a district court; Other