

Special Medical Services

Administers the NH Part C Early Intervention Program

Family Centered Early Supports and Services (FCESS 0-3)



ANYONE with a concern about a child's development can make a referral! A phone call is all it takes!

What are Family Centered Early Supports and Services (FCESS)? FCESS supports the family's and other caregiver's ability to care for a child (0 -3) with delays and disabilities to address his/her individual needs.

How can we help your child and family?

- Develop an Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP) including a plan for service delivery
- Assist with coordinating services across agency lines
- Strategies are identified for implementation in the natural environment and across daily routines and interactions
- Providers work with families utilizing a coaching method
- Assist with transitioning to preschool special education program, if appropriate or a community setting

What are the eligibility criteria and how can I apply?

To make a referral, you can talk to your local FCESS program, or you can call the Part C office to gain assistance in finding your local program.

A multidisciplinary developmental evaluation is completed to determine eligibility in one of the following categories:

- Establish condition
- Atypical development
- Developmental delay 33% of their age in one or more of the domains of development
- Meeting the at-risk definition in He-M 510 state rules

SMS is New Hampshire's Title V program for Children with Special Health care needs. It administers health programs and services for children birth to 21, who have, or are at risk for a chronic medical condition, disability or special health care need. SMS provides leadership in building and promoting community based systems of care and services that is family centered, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent.

Call 1-800-852-3345 x 4488

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