

# WV Birth to Three

West Virginia's Early Intervention System under Part C of the  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

(304) 558-5388 or Toll-free (in WV) 1-800-642-9704 | [www.wvdhhr.org/birth23](http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23)



WV Birth to Three services are administered by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health in cooperation with the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC).



## Eligibility

- A child must be less than 36 months of age.
- There are **no** financial eligibility requirements.

Eligibility is based only on a child meeting one or more of the following criteria:

1. Diagnosed by a multi-disciplinary team as having a significant delay in one or more of the following areas of development in accordance with the State's definition:
  - Cognitive development
  - Physical development including vision and hearing
  - Communication development
  - Social and emotional development
  - Adaptive development
2. Diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay. Examples of such conditions include, but are not limited to:
  - Down syndrome and other chromosomal abnormalities associated with delay;
  - Congenital syndromes or genetic disorders associated with developmental delays; and/or
  - Inborn errors of metabolism.
3. Experiencing multiple biological and/or environmental risk factors in accordance with the State's definition.

## Referrals

Parents, physicians, service providers, or others who think a child may need early intervention services should refer the child to the Regional Administrative Unit (RAU) for the county where the child lives (see listing on next page). By federal law, primary referral sources are required to make a referral within seven days of suspecting that a child may be in need of early intervention services. Effective July 1, 2012, in accordance with federal regulations, children who are referred to WV Birth to Three less than 45 days before their third birthday will not be evaluated for eligibility. Parents will be provided information about other possible resources that could benefit their children and, with parent consent, WV Birth to Three will assist with referring these children to the county school district to determine whether the child is eligible for services.

Children age three years or older with suspected developmental delays should be referred to their local county school district for possible services.

## Assessment/Plan

Children who are suspected of having or being at significant risk of developmental delay may receive a multidisciplinary evaluation to determine eligibility for WV Birth to Three services under Part C IDEA. The assessment also helps to identify the needs of the child and family. With participation of the family, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed based upon the strength and abilities of the child and shaped by the concerns and priorities of the family. Services and supports listed on the plan are targeted to help the family promote the child's development through participation in daily routines and learning opportunities.

According to federal law, Part C services identified on a child/family's IFSP are delivered in natural environments. Families determine the environment in which the child would be if he/she was not in need of early intervention services. Services may also support the family's participation in community activities and everyday routines.

A variety of specialists may be called upon to help the family decide what strategies and services are needed to address their unique outcomes. These specialists may include:

- Audiologists
- Counselors, social workers
- Child development specialists
- Nurses
- Occupational therapists
- Physical therapists
- Registered dietitians
- Speech language pathologists
- Vision specialists

WV Birth to Three provides these services through enrolled professionals who meet the highest standard in their respective discipline. Transportation may be a Part C service in the rare instances when a family may have to travel to obtain a WV Birth to Three service.

### Cost of Services

Part C services listed on a child/family's IFSP are provided at no cost to the family. WV Birth to Three may bill public insurance with no cost to the family.

These services are funded in part by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, through the U.S. Department of Education and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (the state's lead agency responsible for implementation), Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, in cooperation with the West Virginia Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council.

### Additional Questions

For more information, you may call the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, WV Birth to Three at 304-558-5388, or toll-free at 1-800-642-9704.

### WV Birth to Three Local Points of Entry

#### Region 1 – Regional Administrative Unit

Catholic Charities West Virginia  
2000 Main Street, Suite 222, Wheeling, WV 26003  
Phone: (304) 214-5775; Toll-free: 1-800-619-5697  
Fax: (304) 214-5792

Serves: Brooke, Hancock, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Tyler, Wetzel

#### Region 2 – Regional Administrative Unit

The Arc of Mid Ohio Valley  
1917 Dudley Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101  
Phone: (304) 485-2000; Toll-free: 1-866-401-8919  
Fax: (304) 865-2072

Serves: Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wirt, Wood

#### Region 3 – Regional Administrative Unit

River Valley Child Development Services  
1 Players Club Drive, Suite 160, Charleston, WV 25311  
Phone: (304) 414-4460; Toll-free: 1-844-885-0618  
Fax: (304) 414-4461

Serves: Clay, Jackson, Kanawha, Roane

#### Region 4 – Regional Administrative Unit

River Valley Child Development Services  
432 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Huntington, WV 25701  
Phone: (304) 523-5444; Toll-free: 1-866-WVBTT55 (1-866-982-8855)  
Fax: (304) 523-5556

Serves: Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam, Wayne

#### Region 5 – Regional Administrative Unit

MountainHeart Community Services  
1200 Harrison Avenue, Suite 220, Elkins, WV 26241  
Phone: (304) 637-2844; Toll-free: 1-800-449-7790  
Fax: (304) 637-2845

Serves: Barbour, Lewis, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Upshur

#### Region 6 – Regional Administrative Unit

MountainHeart Community Services  
Work 4 WV Center, 25 Red Oak Shopping Center, P.O. Box 1610, Lewisburg, WV 24901  
Phone: (304) 647-3810; Toll-free: 1-866-229-0461  
Fax: (304) 647-5521

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#### Region 7 – Regional Administrative Unit

MountainHeart Community Services  
1411 North Walker Street, Princeton, WV 24740  
Phone: (304) 425-2926; Toll-free: 1-866-207-6198  
Fax: (304) 425-7367

Serves: Fayette, Mercer, McDowell, Raleigh, Wyoming

#### Region 8 – Regional Administrative Unit

EPIC—Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative  
109 South College Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401  
Phone: (304) 267-3595; Toll-free: 1-800-367-3728  
Fax: (304) 267-3599

Serves: Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton