

**What do I do if I have  
questions about my child's  
development?**

If you have questions or concerns about your child's development, please contact us to schedule a developmental screening or evaluation.

Our intake line and email address are answered year round.

**To Make a Referral**

call

**503-614-1446**

or

email

**referral@nwresd.k12.or.us**

Developmental screenings and evaluations, as well as services, are provided at **no cost to families**

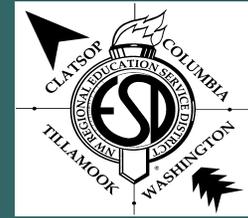
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Direct link to EI/ECSE

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**Early Intervention/  
Early Childhood  
Special Education**

## What is Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education?

The Early Intervention /Early Childhood Special Education program offers special services and supports to families with children diagnosed with developmental disabilities or experiencing developmental delays.

### Early Intervention (EI)

- EI offers services and supports to eligible children birth to age 3 years and their families.
- EI supports families in developing the skills to help their children learn and grow. Services are delivered through a parent coaching model in each family's home or other caregiving settings.

### Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

- ECSE offers special education services to eligible children starting at age 3 and continuing until they enter kindergarten.
- Services can include specially designed instruction and related services such as physical, occupational, or speech and language therapy.
- Services may be provided at community preschools, childcare facilities or at ECSE center sites.
- Services are based on individual child needs.

## Who Is Eligible To Receive Services?

- Any child birth to five years of age can be referred for a free screening or evaluation. A child is found eligible based on guidelines provided by the Oregon Department of Education.
- Most screenings are completed at our Hillsboro office. During the screening, an intake specialist will complete a screening questionnaire and answer your questions. If the results show delays, an evaluation is offered.
- With your permission, a developmental evaluation is completed to determine if your child is eligible for EI/ECSE services. Evaluations are completed by specialists and your input and assistance is critical in collecting accurate information.
- If your child is found eligible, you and a team of professionals work together to develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). This plan identifies goals for your child and details services.
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## Why Is Early Intervention Important?

- During early life the brain is rapidly developing and is shaped by experiences and interactions. Children learn through routines and every day activities.
- EI/ECSE services enhance language, social and physical development through play-based interventions and parent coaching.
- Research indicates that early intervention is effective in promoting developmental progress in infants, toddlers and preschoolers with developmental delays or disabilities.
- Parent involvement is key to a child's future school success. EI/ECSE partners with parents to provide children the skills needed to become successful learners.

