

Early Intervention ~ Babies Can't Wait



Early Intervention Because... Babies Can't Wait

Babies Can't Wait (BCW) is a program in Georgia that provides and coordinates services for very young children who have disabilities or significant delays in their development.

Children, from birth to their third birthday, regardless of income, may be eligible for Babies Can't Wait in one of two ways:

- 1) Children are automatically eligible if they are diagnosed with certain mental or physical conditions, including but not limited to: Down syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, and autism;

OR

- 2) Children who are experiencing significant delays in their development may be eligible. For example, children who are very far behind their peers in learning to turn over, crawl, walk and talk, and children with emotional, speech, and hearing problems.

BCW provides evaluation and assessment, at no cost to families, to determine eligibility and the scope of services needed. BCW also provides service coordination, at no cost to families, which assists families in accessing services and identifying resources to help pay for services.

Early Intervention services are provided in places where children live, learn, and play to increase opportunities to practice new skills within the family's routines and activities.

These services may be made available to children and families enrolled in BCW:

- Assistive Technology
- Audiology
- Family Training & Counseling
- Certain Health Services
- Medical Diagnostic Services
- Certain Nursing Services
- Nutrition Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Social Work
- Special Instruction
- Speech - Language Therapy
- Vision Services
- Transportation to Services

State funds may be available to assist families with paying for these Early Intervention Services.

For more information or
to make a referral to
Babies Can't Wait,
call: **1-800-430-4212**

"As a parent of a child born very prematurely, I was filled with doubts and fears concerning my son's future. When I learned of the Babies Can't Wait Early Intervention Program, all of those fears and doubts changed to hope and understanding."

~ Walter Black, parent