



State of Hawai'i
Department of Health



Early Intervention Eligibility Criteria

Effective October 21, 2013

A child under the age of three (3) years with or at biological risk for developmental delay is eligible for early intervention services according to the following criteria:

Developmental Delay

Child under the age of three (3) years has a significant delay in one or more of the following areas of development: physical, cognitive, communication, social- emotional, and/or adaptive development, based on one of the following criteria:

- ✓ ≤ -1.0 SD in at least two or more areas or sub-areas of development
- ✓ ≤ -1.4 SD in at least one area or sub-area of development
- ✓ Multidisciplinary team observations and informed clinical opinion when the child's score cannot be measured by the evaluation instrument

Biological Risk

Child under the age of three (3) years with a signed statement or report by a qualified provider that includes a diagnosis of a physical or mental condition that the multidisciplinary team determines has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay if early intervention (EI) services are not provided. This may include, but is not limited to, the following conditions:

- ✓ Chromosomal abnormalities
- ✓ Genetic or congenital disorders
- ✓ Severe sensory impairments
- ✓ Inborn errors of metabolism
- ✓ Disorders reflecting disturbance of the development of the nervous system
- ✓ Congenital infections
- ✓ Disorders secondary to exposure to toxic substances, including fetal alcohol syndrome
- ✓ Severe attachment disorders
- ✓ Autism Spectrum Disorder

Children receiving EI services on October 21, 2013 will continue to receive EI services until child's next scheduled evaluation for continued eligibility ("grandfathered").

If you are concerned about a child's development or to make a referral, please call the Early Intervention information and referral line at 808-594-0066 (Oahu) or 1-800-235-5477 (Neighbor Islands).