

**NYC EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**  
**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT ELIGIBILITY**  
**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Q: My child was found not eligible for the Early Intervention Program (EIP). S/he isn't doing things like other children his/her age. Why isn't s/he eligible?**

**A:** The Early Intervention Program, by law, only provides services for children who have significant delays in development.

It is normal for children to develop skills at different times and at their own pace. For example, one child may start to walk at 11 months while another child starts at 16 months.

Difficulties eating new foods and temper tantrums can also be a normal part of early child development.

These children are not eligible for Early Intervention.

**Q: The reports that I got said that my child has a delay. They recommended that s/he gets therapy. But I was told that s/he is not eligible for Early Intervention. How can that be?**

**A:** While your child might have a delay, it might not be significant enough for Early Intervention. According to the State Department of Health, a severe delay in communication may be seen when a child has:

- no single words at 18 months,
- fewer than 30 words at 24 months
- no two word combinations at 36 months.

The program does not serve children who are "late talkers" or "late walkers".

Your child might still benefit from therapy. You can bring the reports to your doctor, and ask if your doctor could recommend therapy paid for by your health insurance.

Your Service Coordinator can also help you find low cost therapy services. Some graduate school programs have clinics that provide therapy on a sliding scale. These schools are listed below.

**Q: I am still concerned. What can I do?**

**A:** Ask your Service Coordinator for a referral to the EIP Developmental Monitoring. You will be contacted on a regular basis to complete an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). This will tell you if your child is still developing within age limits or if he/she should be re-evaluated.

## Resources for Parents

**Low Cost Speech Services** - Many colleges and universities in NYC have free or low-cost speech clinics:

Brooklyn College – 718-951-5186  
Lehman College – 718-960-8138  
LIU – Brooklyn Campus – 718-780-4122  
New York University – 212-998-5230  
Queens College – 718-997-2930  
Touro College – 718-787-1602 x 200

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**Day Care Referrals** - If you are interested in finding day care services, you can call the numbers below:

**The New York City Child Care Resource and Referral Consortium:** 888-469-5999

**Child Care Inc.**

322 Eighth Avenue, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
212-929-7604  
212-929-5785 (Fax)

**Child Development Support Corporation**

352-358 Classon Ave, 2nd Fl  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
718-230-0056  
718-398-6182 (Fax)

**Chinese-American Planning Council**

165 Eldridge Street  
New York, NY 10038  
212-206-1090  
212-206-8093 (Fax)

**Committee for Hispanic Children and Families**

110 William Street, Suite 1802  
New York, NY 10011  
212-206-1090  
212-206-8093 (Fax)

**Child Care Council of New York, Inc.**

12 West 21st Street , 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10010  
212-206-7818  
212-206-7836 (Fax)

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**Early Head Start (EHS)** – A community based program for low income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women. It seeks to enhance the development of very young children and promote healthy family functioning. To locate EHS programs in NYC go to: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>

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**Early Childhood Direction Centers (ECDC)** - Provide information, referral and support to families and professionals working with children, both typically developing and those with special education needs, ages birth through five.

**Bronx Early Childhood Direction Center**

2488 Grand Concourse, Room 405

Bronx, NY 10458

718-584-0658

718-584-0859 (Fax)

**Brooklyn Early Childhood Direction Center**

UCP of NYC, Inc.

SHARE Center

160 Lawrence Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11230

718-437-3794

718-436-0071 (Fax)

**Manhattan Early Childhood Direction Center**

New York Presbyterian Hospital

435 East 70th Street, Suite 2A

New York, NY 10021

212-746-6175

212-746-8895 (Fax)

**Queens Early Childhood Direction Center**

Queens Centers for Progress

82-25 164th Street

Jamaica, NY 11432

718-374-0002 X 465

718-969-9149 (Fax)

**Staten Island Early Childhood Direction Center**

Staten Island University Hospital

242 Mason Avenue, 1st Floor

Staten Island, New York 10305

718-226-6670

718-226-6385 (Fax)

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**Resources for Children with Special Needs** - Works for families and children with all special needs, across all boroughs, to understand, navigate, and access necessary services to ensure that all children have the opportunity to develop their full potential.

116 E. 16th Street - 5th floor

New York, NY 10003

212-677-4650

212- 254-4070 (Fax)