



early steps

Florida's Early Intervention Program, **Early Steps**, offers services to support families in the growth and development of infants and toddlers with special needs (birth to 36 months). If your child has a disability, a developmental delay or a condition that places them at risk for developmental delay, your family may be eligible for services.

Funding for **Early Steps** is made possible through Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA is a federal program enhanced by state and local resources that provides family-centered early intervention services. **Early Steps** is administered by Children's Medical Services, Department of Health. Contracted local Early Steps offices across Florida coordinate with community agencies and other providers for the delivery of services.

Early Steps provides:

- **Testing** to see how a child is growing and developing
- **Forming a Plan** that is unique to the needs of the child and family
- **Assisting Families** in getting the services and supports they need

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For more information and to download our FREE Early Steps Growth & Developmental Chart and Early Steps Brochure (English, Spanish, Creole), visit our website at:

www.cms-kids.com/EarlyStepsFamilies.htm

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