



## Where will my child receive Early Intervention services?

- Services usually take place in your home or at your child's childcare program.
- Some individualized sessions may take place in our therapy rooms if specialized equipment is needed.
- Playgroups take place at our center or a community location.



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## Minute Man Arc

Changing Lives, Changing Communities



## Early Intervention Program

Providing comprehensive services  
for children who have or are at  
risk for developmental delays  
and disabilities



## What is Early Intervention?

Minute Man Arc Early Intervention (EI) is a community-based, family centered program serving children who have or are at risk of having developmental delays and disabilities. We serve children from birth to three years old who live in Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow and Hanscom Air Force Base.

EI works with children who have a delay in communication, gross motor/fine motor skills, behavior, social skills, feeding difficulties, or risk factors such as homelessness. Additionally, we work with children who have complex medical issues. We have the only Early Intervention Hearing Loss program in Massachusetts.

## What services are provided by Early Intervention?

- Screening and evaluation
- Service coordination
- Individualized therapeutic services in Developmental Education, Speech, Occupational & Physical Therapy, Nursing, Music Therapy, Social Work, Nutrition & Feeding Support
- Integrated community playgroups
- Playgroups with a specialization for children with autism, hearing loss, or motor delays
- Transition planning and liaison work with local schools



## How do I begin Minute Man Arc Early Intervention Services for my child?

You can call our Early Intervention Office at 978-287-7950 to make an appointment for an evaluation or a child can be referred by a:

- Parent or guardian
- Pediatrician
- Childcare provider
- Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Community agency working with families



## What happens during my child's evaluation?

- An initial visit is arranged at your home with an EI specialist. We take a brief history of your child, discuss your concerns, and obtain written permission for the team evaluation.
- The evaluation will identify your child's development in communication, cognition, motor, and social/emotional development. The team may consist of a developmental specialist, speech therapist, physical or occupational therapist, social worker, nutritionist or nurse and will determine if your child is eligible for EI.
- Evaluations take place either at our center in Concord or in your home if we are evaluating an infant.
- Parents or guardians are always present during the evaluation.



## What happens after the evaluation?

- Your participation in Early Intervention services is voluntary and you can accept or reject services if your child is found eligible.
- If you accept services, an Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP) is designed with you and your family's coordinator.
- The IFSP describes in detail the services for your child, who will work with your child, where, and what time services will take place.

**Service Hours:** 8:30AM-4:30PM, M-F

**Location:** 1269 Main Street, Concord, MA and services are provided in homes and daycare settings.

**Fees:** There is no fee for families to participate in Early Intervention. Costs are covered by insurance companies, MassHealth, or the Department of Public Health.

**Service Availability:** Minute Man Arc accepts children from birth to three years old as they are referred.