## WORRIED ABOUT A BABY OR TODDLER YOU KNOW?

- Does your child have trouble participating in everyday activities like eating, dressing, and playing?
- Do you wonder if your granddaughter should be talking more?
- Does a toddler in your child care program hit, kick, bite, and cry more than you expect for children their age?
- Has your baby received a medical diagnosis that affects their growth and learning?

## The Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program (MITP) can help!

MITP provides free, family-centered support for children from birth to age three. Children with medical conditions that can impact their development in the future may be eligible to receive support now. Children who are not moving, communicating, learning, interacting with others, or participating in daily activities like others of the same age may also be eligible, even if they don't have a diagnosis. A free assessment of the child's development is provided to determine if they are eligible for services.

Anyone – a parent, child care provider, doctor, grandparent, nurse, friend, or other relative – can refer a child to MITP.

# Anyone can submit a referral to the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program.

If the child lives in Maryland and hasn't turned three yet, MITP can help.

referral.mditp.org

1-800-535-0182





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### WE BEGIN EARLY TO FINISH STRONG





The Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program (MITP) is here to help you help your child grow and learn. Infants and Toddlers Program services will:

- · Build on your child's and family's strengths
- Address your goals and concerns in a way that works for your family
- Help you learn about your child's needs and the resources available to your family

The teachers, therapists, and other providers will come to you at home, at child care, at the library, or other places your family spends time. They will coach and support you to help your child participate and develop new skills. They will connect you with other resources in the community.

Helping babies and toddlers develop to their maximum potential is a team effort! Families are the key to their children's growth and learning. Physicians, child care providers, nurses, social workers, and other people who work with children are also important.

Anyone who works with or knows a child and has concerns can submit a referral to the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program. Child care providers are also required by State law to provide information to families each year about Early Intervention and to help families schedule evaluations.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Visit referral.mditp.org to learn more information and to complete an online referral. You can also call 1-800-535-0182 to get contact information for your local Infants and Toddlers Program. You can make the referral over the phone if you prefer.
- After the referral, someone from the local Infants and Toddlers program will call you. You will share information about your child's development and any concerns. An appointment for a developmental screening or evaluation will be scheduled.
- 3. The evaluation will take place in your home or another location if you prefer. The team will ask you questions about your child and observe how they move, communicate, and play.
- 4. If your child is eligible for services, you will become a part of the early intervention team. Together you will develop a plan. All evaluations and services are provided free of charge! You give your permission for all assessments and services, and you can stop or change services at any time.

