

# SOONERSTART - EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

## Special Education Services Division Oklahoma State Department of Education

### PURPOSE

SoonerStart is Oklahoma's early intervention program for families of infants and toddlers, birth to 36 months who have developmental delays, disabilities or both. SoonerStart was established under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). SoonerStart offers services families may need to promote healthy development in their child. SoonerStart can provide developmental screenings, evaluation, assessment, and early intervention. The SoonerStart program provides case management, evaluation, AT devices and services.

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### FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- None

### ELIGIBILITY

- Infants and toddlers birth through 36 months of age who:
  - exhibit a delay in their developmental age compared to their chronological age of 50% in one, or 25% in two or more of the following areas: cognitive, physical, communication, social/emotional, or adaptive development; or
  - have a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in delay. This includes, but is not limited to: chromosomal disorders, neurological abnormalities, inborn errors of metabolism, genetic disorders, congenital malformations of the brain, congenital infections, sensory abnormalities, impairments, or identified syndromes.

### AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Assessments & Evaluations
- Locating Alternate Funding
- Case Management
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Information & Referral
- Fabrication of Devices
- Advocacy/Other
- Maintenance & Repairs

### AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED



Aids for Daily Living



Speech Communication



Aids for Hearing Impaired



Mobility/Seating & Positioning



Aids for Vision Impaired



Recreation & Leisure Devices

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Families should contact the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Special Education Services at (405) 521-4155 and ask for the phone number to your local SoonerStart office or see Appendix B for the local SoonerStart office.
- Within two days of receiving a referral, the Early Intervention Unit assigns a resource coordinator to provide case management services to the family. The resource coordinator provides families with information about their rights, available services & other resources. The resource coordinator also notifies the appropriate SoonerStart service provider to arrange for clinical intake & developmental/health screenings as needed.
- After the completion of appropriate multidisciplinary evaluations, a meeting is held to determine eligibility and needs for service provision.
- If the child is determined eligible, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed.