

Eligibility

Infants and toddlers can qualify for SoonerStart services one of two ways:

- The child has a documented diagnosis that has a high probability of a developmental delay.
- As part of the evaluation, the child has a 50% delay in one area, or a 25% percent delay in two of the following areas: adaptive, cognitive, communication, motor, or personal-social development.

Benefits of Early Intervention

THE EARLIER THE BETTER!

Children who receive Early Intervention services are less likely to need special education services in school.

Early Intervention builds upon and provides support and resources to assist family members and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.

Children learn best through everyday experiences and interactions with familiar people in familiar environments.

Early Intervention is meant to serve the whole family.

Cost

SoonerStart is supported through federal and state funding. There is no direct cost to families.

Collaboration

All families, with the necessary support and resources, can enhance their child's learning and development. SoonerStart providers and Resource Coordinators work as a team with the family to address the family and child's unique needs.

For more information about the SoonerStart program, visit the Oklahoma State Department of Education website (www.sde.ok.gov/soonerstart) or call (405) 521-3575.

