

# Nebraska ChildFind

Nebraska ChildFind provides information to parents, school personnel, and service providers on child development and special education for children from birth to age 5. ChildFind also helps parents access information on rights and resources to help them advocate for an appropriate education for their child.

Does your child have trouble learning, speaking, hearing, seeing, walking or taking part in activities with other children? Or are you concerned about your child's physical condition, learning or development in other areas?

ChildFind is part of the Nebraska Early Development Network, that may be able to help families with infants and toddlers that experience developmental delays, genetic syndromes, medical impairments, as well as many other disabilities, through service coordination and other services.

All Children develop at different rates. Listed below are some guidelines to see how your child is developing.

## **0-1 Years**

- Holds head up by four months
- Picks up objects by six months
- Responds to sound by six months
- Makes some of the sounds made by others by nine months
- Uses furniture to pull self to standing position by 12 months

## **1-2 Years**

- Holds out arms and legs while being dressed by 18 months
- Points to objects he/she wants by 18 months
- Walks without help by 18 months
- Drinks from a cup by two years
- Shows one body part (eyes, nose) when asked by two years
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## **2-3 Years**

- Speaks in 2-3 word sentences by three years
- Walks up and down stairs without help by three years
- Plays with an adult by three years
- Undresses self by three years
- Asks some questions by three years
- Speaks so non-family members understand most words by three years



**For your questions or concerns contact  
your doctor, local school district or call  
Nebraska ChildFind  
1.888.806.6287**

# **Nebraska Early Development Network - Services Coordination**

## **What is Early Development Network Service Coordination?**

Services Coordination means a central contact person, known as the services coordinator, is assigned to each family.

Services Coordination helps families of children with special needs below age three:

- Find services to meet developmental, education, financial, healthcare, child care, respite care, and other needs
- Link with needed service
- Work with multiple providers to make sure services are provided as needed
- Become coordinators of services for their own children in the future

## **Why is Services Coordination Needed?**

Nebraska families of children with special needs have found it difficult to locate needed services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and then to coordinate the serves with so many providers involved.

Service coordination:

- Allows families easy access to community services
- Makes current services stronger
- Avoids duplication of services
- Develops resources when needed
- Makes it clear to families what they can expect from state and community agencies

## **Who is Eligible for Services Coordination?**

Eligible families are those with an infant or toddler below age three who has a disability or developmental delay and qualifies for special Education through the public schools.

Year round services coordination is provided. There is no cost to families.

## **How Can Families Apply?**

To request Early Development services for your child or to refer a child in your area, call the local number listed below. With prior parental permission, referrals may be made by anyone who suspects a developmental delay in an infant or toddler.

**For more information contact:**  
**Nebraska Early Development Network**  
**“Babies Can’t Wait”**  
**Service Coordination**  
**Head Start Child & Family Development**  
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