

# THE WISCONSIN BIRTH TO 3 PROGRAM

EVIDENCE BASED SUPPORT FOR INFANTS  
AND TODDLERS WITH DELAYS AND  
DISABILITIES

## What is the Birth to 3 Program?

A federally mandated special education program that serves **children** with developmental delays, disabilities, or atypical development to **optimize growth and change**.

## Parents Matter

Children receive **more intervention** than they would in an outpatient setting alone when caregivers are taught to practice therapeutic strategies in existing **daily routines**.



Forward Health Topic #788 **requires** you refer to the local Birth to 3 Program within **2 working days** if you suspect a child may have a delay **or** has a diagnosed condition.

## Team Focus

Every child is assigned a primary coach and is also supported by a full team.

Teams include:

- **Speech and Language Pathologist**
- **Physical Therapist**
- **Occupational Therapist**
- **Early Childhood Special Educator**
- **Service Coordinator**

## Benefits

- **Individualized** therapeutic strategies in **natural environments** to enhance **carryover**
- Supports **all** developmental domains
- Parent **education** and **advocacy**-focused through a **coaching** model

## When Unsure, Refer!

Your county program will use **a norm-referenced test** and **informed clinical opinion** to determine if a child is eligible and can continue to track a child overtime if they do not yet need services. Children with certain **diagnosed conditions** are eligible automatically.

