

Services for Preschool Children

Act 212, the Early Intervention Services Act entitles all preschool children with disabilities to appropriate early intervention services. Young children experiencing developmental delays or physical or mental disabilities are eligible for early intervention services. At risk children are eligible for screening and tracking.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education is responsible for providing services to preschool children from age 3 until eligible for kindergarten. For information, contact Project DART, 475 East Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120, (412) 394-5816.

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare is responsible for providing services to infants and toddlers, defined as children from birth through 2 years of age. For information, contact Allegheny County Assistance Office, 300 Liberty Avenue, Suite 301A, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, (412) 565-2146.

Your child is considered to have a development delay when difficulties exist in the areas of cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help development and your child is less than the age of beginners and at least 3 years of age. If you have questions regarding difficulties your child may be experiencing, please contact the Coordinator of Special Services at 412-732-3300, ext. 2000.