# Early intervention makes a life-changing difference.

During the first three years of life, children's brains undergo remarkable development, setting the stage for their future growth and potential.

A child with a delay is not developing like other children of a similar age. You may notice delays in:

- Sitting, crawling, or walking
- Seeing, hearing, or talking
- Eating or drinking
- Thinking, learning, or problem solving
- Smiling, responding, or interacting with others

Simply being concerned is reason enough to contact us. Reach out to Infant Toddler Services of Kansas to request a free developmental evaluation for the child.



# If you notice a developmental delay in a child, connect with



# infant toddler services of kansas

in your area.

Visit: nekits.org

or call: 1-800-CHILDREN

Address: 500 E. Sunflower Blvd. Ozawkie, KS 66070

Phone: 785-213-2614



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### Early help for Kansas kids.

All Kansas infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) are entitled to a *free* developmental evaluation to determine if they are eligible for early intervention services.



#### Who we are.

Our mission is to support Kansas families with infants or toddlers experiencing developmental delays or disabilities so every child can learn, grow, and achieve their fullest potential.

Through a network of programs, we serve the entire state, so all Kansas residents can access Infant Toddler Services wherever they live.

We operate under the national Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA – Part C) to provide screening, evaluation, and early intervention services at no cost to Kansas children (birth to age 3) who experience developmental delays or disabilities.

"The therapists were kind, encouraging, professional, creative experts. Their advice and suggestions were easy for us to understand and implement in our everyday lives. They truly made a lasting, positive difference in our child's life and in our lives as well." — Erin B.



#### How to get started.

**Step 1:** Find the Infant Toddler Services of Kansas program in the family's area (visit www.itsofks.org) and request a *free* developmental evaluation for the child.

**Step 2:** A Family Service Coordinator and/ or licensed Early Intervention Professional will schedule a home visit to evaluate the child and speak with family and caregivers.

**Step 3**: If the evaluation team identifies a developmental delay or the child has a diagnosis known to impact development, the child may be eligible to receive services at no cost until age 3.



#### How we help.

Infant Toddler Services of Kansas employs hundreds of licensed professionals who specialize in early childhood development. We partner with parents and caregivers to help each child make progress toward the family's desired goals.

### Services we provide include:

- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech-language therapy
- Early childhood special education
- Hearing and vision screenings and support
- Nutrition support
- Social work
- Family service coordination
- Support with assistive technologies, transportation, health, medical, and psychological services

"They stepped in and met us at one of our hardest times in life, provided support, comfort, knowledge, and so much guidance based on their experience and expertise that really shaped my son's care at home and elsewhere." – Jennifer R.

