

SERVICES IN NATURAL SETTINGS

Early Intervention Services are provided in natural settings such as the home, child care centers or community play groups through:

- Developmental Evaluations
- Home Visits
- Child-Focused Groups
- Parent Support Groups
- Center Visits

The Early Intervention Program features:

- Professionally Trained Staff
- A Family-Centered Focus
- Specialized Equipment
- Fully Accessible Facilities

As part of the comprehensive approach to service provision, service coordination includes advocacy, information and referrals.



ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SERVICES

Early Intervention Partnerships (EIPP) is a home visiting program sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and MassHealth for pregnant women, mothers, infants and their families. The purpose of EIPP is the early identification of maternal and infant risk and linkage of families to services to prevent or mitigate poor health and/or developmental outcomes. This program is provided in addition to the New Bedford Healthy Families and Early Intervention Programs operated by Kennedy-Donovan Center.

EIPP provides support services, health and parenting education, child development screenings, and referrals starting in pregnancy and continuing through the child's first year of life.

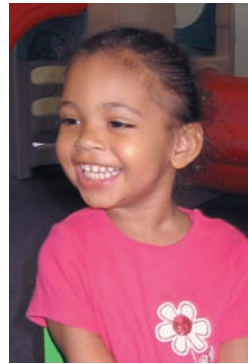
The EIPP team members are comprised of a maternal child health nurse, a mental health counselor and a community health worker.

Services are confidential, available at no cost to families, and are individualized to meet family needs.



GREATER NEW BEDFORD AREA EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

For children, birth to 36 months,
and their families



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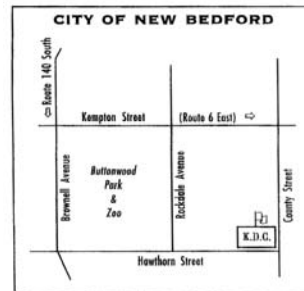
PROGRAM FEES

There is an annual fee based on family size and income required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Families do not bear the cost of insurance co-payments and deductibles. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Medicaid, and commercial health insurances pay for services.

SERVICE AREA

Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Gosnold, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester and Wareham.

We are conveniently located on the corner of Hawthorn and County Streets.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Kennedy-Donovan Center (KDC) supports individuals and families with developmental disabilities and similar needs to reach their maximum potential and quality of life through advocacy and individualized services.

OVERVIEW

Kennedy-Donovan Center is a non-profit organization, founded in 1969 on the principle that all children and individuals have the right to participate and thrive in their community. Today, KDC serves nearly 5,000 infants, children, adults and families annually throughout eastern and south central Massachusetts. With a diverse and dedicated staff of 350 employees and 300 respite, home care providers and foster parents, KDC operates a range of program models from eight community offices and ten residences, and offers in-home services to thousands of families in 150 communities.

Kennedy-Donovan Center's New Bedford Early Intervention program supports 700 children and their families in the greater New Bedford area.

family



WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?

Certified by the Department of Public Health, Early Intervention provides services to young children under 36 months who have or are at risk for developmental delays. A team that includes developmental specialists, physical, occupational and speech therapists, work with the family and child to determine their needs and create a care plan. Home visits are provided to enhance the developmental progress of the child.

Kennedy-Donovan Center's Early Intervention Program is comprehensive, family-centered and community based.

development

TURN TO KDC

Our Early Intervention Program is the place to turn when your infant or toddler (birth to 36 months) is faced with developmental challenges, such as:

Developmental delays in gross and fine motor, receptive and expressive language, social-emotional, self-care or cognitive skills.

Medical conditions or diagnoses affecting development.

Environmental conditions which affect development, such as need for parenting education or a need for social supports for the family.

FINDING HELP

Referrals are made to Early Intervention by parents, physicians and other professionals in the community who have a concern about the child's development and other concerns expressed by the family.

Developmental Evaluations

When a child is referred to Early Intervention, the team will complete a developmental evaluation. This evaluation will look at all areas of development and will determine the child's eligibility for Early Intervention services.

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of life



ELIGIBILITY

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health establishes criteria which determine a child and family's eligibility for early intervention services. These criteria include a specifically defined level of delay in development, or at-risk conditions, or an established medical diagnosis.