

Florida's Early Steps Program: Referral Guide

> Is my child eligible for Early Steps?

- A child under the age of three can enroll in Early Steps services if they have a diagnosed physical or mental condition that might result in developmental delay or they have developmental delay. There are no financial requirements to enroll.

> When should I make a referral?

- Screening results show a need for further evaluation of your child's development.
- Your child has a confirmed diagnosis that is likely to result in a delay.
- You or someone else familiar with your child is concerned that your child may have a delay.



> Who can make a referral?

- Parents, legal guardians, pediatricians, community agency representatives, or others concerned about your child's development.

> What happens after I make a referral?

- Someone from Early Steps will be in touch to follow-up on the referral. They will schedule a time to gather more information about your child's development, learning, and your concerns. This is called an "assessment."
- If your child is eligible, an Early Steps provider will visit your family regularly. Early Steps services support families to help children develop and learn during everyday activities and routines. We call this approach embedded intervention.

Scan with your phone camera to learn more about Early Steps.



If you have concerns about your child's development and learning, you can contact Early Steps!

Contact your Local Early Steps program by scanning the QR code below or call (800) 218 - 0001.

Scan with your phone camera to see a list of referral contacts.

