

What is First Connections?

- Early intervention (0-3) under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is First Connections.

First Connections provides supports and services for families and their children, birth to age three who have concerns regarding their child's development.

- First Connections is a state-wide, comprehensive early intervention network of qualified, dedicated professionals here to work directly with your family to custom-design a plan with you to meet your child's and your family's needs.



Who can receive services through First Connections?

- Infants and toddlers birth to age three with certain levels of developmental delay or a diagnosed condition likely to result in developmental delay and their families.
- Participation in early intervention is at no cost to families with an eligible infant or toddler

How can I find First Connections Services for my child or a child I know?

- Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires primary referral sources (parents, grandparents, caregivers like daycare workers, and individuals licensed or certified to work with children) to refer any child suspected of having a developmental delay for early intervention as soon as possible.
- A child does not have to have a diagnosis to be referred -- only a suspected delay identified when a child is missing developmental milestones or has failed a hearing/vision screening.

Learn more here: www.firstconnectionsar.org or call 1-800-643-8258