

## Reading Activities for Parents

**Babies:** Talk to your baby often about what he or she is seeing, hearing, feeling and doing.

Babies like books with:

- Pictures of babies
- Clear, bold pictures
- Rhythm and repetition
- Animal sounds
- Lullabies
- Textures

**Toddlers:** The main job of a toddler is exploring. Make the activities interactive!

Toddlers like books with:

- Lifts or flaps
- Few words that are easy to repeat
- Simple rhymes
- Bedtime stories



As a provider of both birth-to-three and preschool special education services, CCIU offers families the unique opportunity to choose a continuous service provider who can support their child's needs from birth through age five. Families whose children are eligible to transition from birth-to-three services into the preschool special education program at CCIU can feel confident of a supportive and collaborative experience throughout their child's early years. As an agency, our goal is to include families as partners from the beginning, encourage their participation as members of their child's team and enhance family capacity to support the growth and development of their child.

## About Us

The Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) is a dynamic educational service agency whose mission is to provide quality, innovative and cost-effective programs to enhance the lives of students and members of our communities.

CCIU has a proven track record as a provider of preschool special education programming. Our organization is currently the MAWA provider for all preschool special education services in Chester County, PA. Annually, we serve over 2,725 students in our preschool special education program.

It is our mission to ensure every child is on track for success. Our team of expert staff is dedicated to helping your child reach his or her full potential. Parents and families are our partners in this endeavor and we look forward to working together with you to improve your child's development.

## Contact Us

**Chester County Intermediate Unit**

**Point of Contact:**

**CCIU Birth to Three Services**

**Phone: 484-237-5096**

**Email: [BirthtoThree@cciu.org](mailto:BirthtoThree@cciu.org)**

**[www.cciu.org/BirthtoThree](http://www.cciu.org/BirthtoThree)**

SSVC0317001



Chester County Intermediate Unit is an equal opportunity employer and educator.



**Birth to Three  
Early Intervention**  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Your child may qualify for free services.



Chester County Intermediate Unit

# What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention is a collection of services and supports designed to help families enhance their child's development. Early Intervention services and supports build upon the natural learning that occurs within the first few years of a child's life. Services are provided in the child's natural environment: the home, childcare facility or other community settings and are "routines-based." Services support a child's participation in family and community settings and are guided by the natural activities of the child within the family and community. All Early Intervention services are provided to eligible young children through an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) and at no cost to the family.

CCIU services for infants and toddlers follow the guidelines outlined by the Pennsylvania Model of Early Intervention and include the following key factors:

- Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Family/Caregiver Priorities
- Family/Caregiver Training Model
- Team Approach
- Natural Environment in Home/Community
- Routines-Based Intervention

# What services are available for birth to three?

## Speech and Language Therapy

Speech and language services provide assistance and support to children and their families in the areas of expressive and receptive language, articulation, oral motor development, feeding and communication skills.



## Specialized Instruction

Specialized instruction services provide support to develop cognitive and play skills of the child.

## Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapy services provides support for the improvement of functional skills, including self-help skills of eating/drinking, brushing teeth, brushing hair, dressing, toileting and washing.

## Physical Therapy

Physical therapy services provides support to children and their families focusing on the areas of gross motor development, motor planning and visual motor skills.

## Hearing

Hearing services help families learn about hearing levels, language development, communication strategies, social responses, educational play and the use of technology to help their child with the unique needs associated with hearing loss.

## Vision

Vision services help families support their children who have a visual impairment or who are blind.

## Orientation and Mobility

Orientation and mobility services work with families to help their children with visual impairments discover the world.

## Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

ABA services provide support to children and their families through specified teaching procedures to improve communication, social, academic and other relevant skills.

# The earlier, the better.

All Early Intervention services delivered by CCIU are provided by staff who meet or exceed the required Pennsylvania state credentials, licensure and mandated continuing education.

## Our Early Intervention services focus on the five main areas of child development:

### Cognitive

- Play, thinking, early educational concepts, attention and focus

### Communication

- Speech and language skills used to understand others and to express themselves

### Physical

- Gross and fine motor skills development to engage in the child's environment, surroundings and activities

### Adaptive

- Self-help skills (dressing, feeding/eating, toilet training, etc.)

### Social and Emotional

- Building purposeful relationships with others and feeling good about themselves

