Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Eligibility Criteria

Infants and toddlers, birth through 35 months old, and their families are eligible for early intervention supports and services through the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia if the child meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. **Developmental Delay** – Children who are functioning at least 25% below their chronological or adjusted age in one or more of the following areas:
   a. Cognitive development;
   b. Physical development, including fine motor and gross motor;
   c. Communication development;
   d. Social or emotional development; or
   e. Adaptive development.

2. **Atypical development** – Children who manifest atypical development or behavior, which is demonstrated by one or more of the following criteria (even in the absence of a 25% developmental delay):
   a. Atypical or questionable sensory-motor responses, such as:
      - Abnormal muscle tone;
      - Limitations in joint range of motion;
      - Abnormal reflex or postural reactions;
      - Poor quality of movement patterns or quality of skill performance;
      - Oral-motor skills dysfunction, including feeding difficulties.
   b. Atypical or questionable social-emotional development, such as:
      - Delay or abnormality in achieving expected emotional milestones;
      - Persistent failure to initiate or respond to most social interactions;
      - Fearfulness or other distress that does not respond to comforting by caregivers.
   c. Atypical or questionable behaviors that interfere with the acquisition of developmental skills.
   d. Impairment in social interaction and communication skills along with restricted and repetitive behaviors.

3. **Children with a diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay.** These conditions include, but are not limited to the following:
   - NICU stay of greater than 28 days
   - Gestational age of 28 weeks or less
   - Failure to thrive
   - Effects of toxic exposure, including fetal alcohol syndrome and drug withdrawal
   - Hearing loss
   - Vision loss/visual disabilities
   - Autism spectrum disorder
   - Cleft lip or cleft palate
   - Meningocele (spina bifida)
   - Chromosomal abnormalities (ex. Down syndrome, Turner syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, trisomy 13, trisomy 18, etc.)
   - Brain or spinal cord trauma with abnormal findings on neurologic exam

*Children may not receive services on or after their third birthday.*