

## 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
- Myelomeningocele (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.**