



Child Development Center (CDC) Services

Providing Services Across Seven Counties of Western Montana
All Services At No Cost To Families

Evaluation & Diagnosis Services (birth through 5/ages 19 and up)

Developmental Evaluations

- Referred children or adults showing delays in development
- Comprehensive team **evaluation** (e.g., communication, cognition, motor)
- Autism spectrum disorder **screening** and/or **diagnostic evaluation** (18 months-5)



NICU Follow-Up Screening Clinics

- Referred babies from NICU with remarkable beginnings
- Developmental **screening** at 6/12/18 and 30 months of age
- Referral to Part C if delays meet % delay/established condition criteria
- Referral to other services as identified by NICU team



Family Education and Support -- Part C (birth to age 3)

Eligibility

There are two ways children ages birth up to their third birthday can become eligible for Part C services:

1. A 25% delay in two or more areas of development (cognition, communication, socialization, self-care, motor) **or** 50% delay in 1 area of development, **OR**
2. An established Condition in one of seven areas that may place children at risk for a developmental delay.

Service Options

- Family Education and Support by a Family Support/Child Development Specialist
- Funding for entitled services (e.g., PT/OT/Speech therapies, nutrition, vision, audiology)
- **Minimum** of two home-based, “face-to-face” visits per month to teach functional skills



State Funded Family Education and Support Services (ages 3 through 21)

Eligibility

- At risk for a developmental disability (until the age of 6)
- Meeting the state’s definition of **developmental disability** (6 through 21)

Service options

- Family education/support by a Family Support/Child Development Specialist
- **Minimum** of two home-based “face-to-face” visits per month to teach functional skills
- **Limited or no** funding for therapies, audiology, vision testing, etc.
- There is a waiting list for this service



Child Development Center (CDC) Services, Continued

Intensive Family Education and Support (birth through 21)

Eligibility

Eligibility for Intensive Family Education and Support (IFES) must meet **both** of the following criteria:

1. Meeting the state's definition of having a developmental disability
2. Intensive medical, behavioral, or developmental needs



Service Options

- Medicaid card (parent income is waived)
- Funding to purchase services (e.g., assistive technology, habilitation, respite)
- Family education/support by a Family Support/Child Development Specialist
- **Minimum** of two home-based "face-to-face" visits per month to teach functional skills
- There is a waiting list for this service

Children's Autism Waiver Program (birth through 7)

Eligibility

Eligibility for the Children's Autism Waiver (CAW) program must consist of **all three** of the following criteria.

1. Diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder prior to age five.
2. Demonstrating significant adaptive behavior deficits.
3. Parental obligation to actively participate in intensive intervention.



Service Options

- Medicaid card (parent income waived).
- Three years of waiver service.
- Twenty hours of training weekly using evidenced-based practices.
- Funding to purchase services (e.g., assistive technology, respite, consultation).
- Family Education and Support by Family Support Specialist and/or Behavior Specialist.
- Multiple home-based face-to-face visits per month.

How To Make A Referral

1. Discuss your concerns with parents/guardians first.
2. Remember services are voluntary and confidential.
3. Call CDC to make a referral, having parental consent if referral source is someone other than the parent/legal guardian.
4. For the Missoula office, call 549-6413 (or 1-800-914-4779 toll free) and say, "I'd like to make a referral please".
5. For the Kalispell office, call 755-2425 (or 1-866-755-2425 toll free) and say, "I'd like to make a referral please."
6. An Administrative Assistant will take the required information.
7. A Social Worker/Intake Coordinator will call the family within 48 hours and complete the intake process.

