

# AUTOMATIC ELIGIBILITY for Early Intervention Services

ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVELS (EBLLs) OR NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS)/NEONATAL OPIOID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME (NOWS)



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

In Ohio, a child who has a confirmed elevated blood lead level of 5 mcg/dLr or higher OR has a confirmed diagnosis of NAS/NOWS is automatically eligible for Early Intervention.

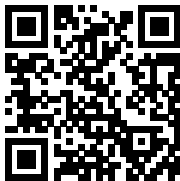
## **ACT EARLY. THE EARLIER YOU REFER A CHILD, THE BETTER.**

Research shows that starting intervention services early gives a child the best chance to learn and grow, and early support can reduce the need for services later in life. As someone who regularly works and engages with children, the best thing you can do is discuss any concerns with the child's family and refer the child to Early Intervention.

Early Intervention is part of the Help Me Grow system of supports and serves families with children birth to age 3 who have developmental delays or disabilities so they have the best possible start in life.

## **REFER A FAMILY TODAY**

Call **(800) 755-GROW (4769)** or visit **[www.ohioearlyintervention.org](http://www.ohioearlyintervention.org)**.



Learn more about all of the diagnoses that automatically qualify a child for Early Intervention, including EBLLs and NAS/NOWS.

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More information at **[helpmegrow.org](http://helpmegrow.org)**.



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# How Early Intervention can help



## **EBLLs & EARLY INTERVENTION**

Early Intervention service providers can support families with children who have EBLLs by:

- Connecting them to lead abatement resources and safe housing to eliminate lead exposure;
- Assessing and assisting the family with improving the child's natural learning environment where the child lives and plays;
- Assessing and providing information on the importance of healthy nutrition, hygiene, and development;
- Providing services for developmental conditions that may result from lead exposure, including delays, behavior concerns, and hearing loss; and
- Coordinating with pre-K and other services when the child transitions out of Early Intervention.

## **NAS/NOWS & EARLY INTERVENTION**

Early Intervention service providers can support families with children who have a diagnosis of NAS/NOWS by:

- Providing services to address developmental concerns that may result from conditions sometimes associated with NAS/NOWS;
- Assessing and assisting the family with improving the child's natural learning environment in the context of the child's and family's daily routines and activities;
- Supporting the family in identifying specific strategies and interventions to address the challenges many babies born with NAS/NOWS may experience with feeding, adapting to visual and auditory stimuli, sleeping, and interacting with others; and
- Connecting families to resources needed to address mental health, medical care, and other supports and services.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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