

# CONCERNED

## About NAS/NOWS?

**ACT EARLY AND REFER TO EARLY INTERVENTION**



### **WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR BABY HAS NAS/NOWS?**

In Ohio, a baby who has a confirmed diagnosis of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) or Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) is automatically eligible for Early Intervention.

Early Intervention supports families with children birth to age 3 who have NAS/NOWS so they have the best possible start in life. Early Intervention professionals support your family to identify strengths and needs and address concerns as early as possible, with services right where you live, play, and spend your day.

### **WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NEXT?**

If your baby has been diagnosed with NAS/NOWS, you or your healthcare provider can refer to Early Intervention right away. The process is simple.

### **TO MAKE A REFERRAL**

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



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# How Early Intervention Can Help



Early Intervention can support families with children who have NAS/NOWS by:

- Helping with any concerns about the baby's development;
- Helping your family provide the best learning environment for the baby that fits in with your family's daily routines and activities;
- Supporting your family through the challenges many babies born with NAS/NOWS have with feeding, learning, sleeping, and playing with others; and
- Connecting you to resources for mental health, medical care, and other supports and services.

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**REMEMBER, ACT EARLY**  
to make sure your child has the best possible start in life.



Early Intervention is part of the  
Help Me Grow system of supports.  
More information at **[helpmegrow.org](https://helpmegrow.org)**.



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