Baby Watch Early Intervention

is a statewide program providing family-centered services to infants and toddlers birth to three years who have developmental delays, disabilities or diagnosed conditions. Baby Watch is part of the Department of Health’s provided in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Parents, medical professionals and early childhood programs refer infants and toddlers to local early intervention providers where they receive comprehensive evaluations in all areas of development. Children under three with a delay in one or more areas of development, or a diagnosed condition may be eligible for early intervention services. Services are administered locally by 15 individual agencies throughout the state.

“Our early intervention team of professionals helped our sons learn how to eat, drink, walk, and play at developmentally appropriate levels. Although they are still delayed, our twins have made great progress and continue to succeed in preschool!” – Alice, Early Intervention Parent

Early Intervention…..

✓ Minimizes the impact of disabilities for infants and toddlers improving lifelong outcomes in physical health, learning, communication and mental health for children, families and communities
✓ Saves between $4 and $9 in future costs for every dollar spent.¹
✓ Detects Autism and other developmental concerns before age three when intervention is most effective
  o 69% of children exiting services in the past three years showed improvement in their knowledge and skills, and their development moved closer to typical peers²
✓ Serves vulnerable populations in our communities
  o 61% children receiving services in SFY19 reside in low-income household³

Unmet Needs

➢ The number of children receiving early intervention has increased by 37% since SFY15
➢ Programs lost $1M in Medicaid revenue in FY19 with no additional state funding to cover the cost of services
➢ Local programs are at capacity and many infants and toddlers are not receiving the services they need
➢ Some programs have been forced to eliminate direct service positions due to lost revenue and increased costs
➢ Currently funded to provide 1.7 visits/month to enrolled children, compared to a national average of 4/month
➢ Without additional funding the amount and quality of direct services will continue to decrease and the developmental needs and social, education and economic consequences will be deferred to the future, when they are more costly and less effective.

Babies Can’t Wait!

INCREASE STATE INVESTMENT IN THE BABY WATCH EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Utah’s Baby Watch Early Intervention Program serves only 2.9 percent of children age 0-3, well below the national average of 4.97 percent”⁴
UTAH'S LOCAL EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDERS

Central Utah Health Dept. Early Intervention …..435-896-5451
(Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Wayne Counties)

Davis School District Early Childhood Program … 801-402-5408
(Davis County)
davis.k12.ut.us/academics/early-childhood/early-interventionspecial-ed.preschool

DDI Vantage ………………………………………..801-266-3939
(Murray, Salt Lake, Granite School Districts; Tooele, Duchesne Counties)
DDIVantage.org

Jordan Child Development Center ………………801-567-8510
(Jordan & Canyons School District, Southern SL County)
 jcd.e.jordandistrict.org

Kids on the Move …………………………………801-221-9930
(Alpine School District, Northern Utah County)
kotm.org

Kids Who Count …………………………………801-423-3000
(Nebo School District, South Utah County)
kidswhocount.org

Provo Early Intervention Program ……………….801-852-4525
(Provo School District, Central Utah County)
esgw.org/provo-early-intervention/

PrimeTime 4 Kids ……………………………………435-789-5409
(Uintah, Daggett Counties)

San Juan School District Early Intervention ……435-678-1222
(San Juan County)

South East Early Intervention Program ………435-637-3950
(Carbon, Emery, Grand Counties)
 utseeip.com

Southern Utah University Early Intervention ……435-586-6070
(Beaver, Iron, Garfield, Kane Counties)

Summit County Early Intervention ………….435-640-7043
(Summit, Wasatch Counties)
 summitcountyhealth.org/early-intervention

Root for Kids ……………………………………...435-673-5353
(Washington County)
rootforkids.org

Up to 3 Early Intervention …………………435-797-3727
(Cache, Rich, Box Elder Counties)
upto3.org

Weber-Morgan Early Intervention ……………….801-395-6420
(Weber, Morgan Counties)

Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Parent Infant Program (PIP)
(Statewide)
PIP for the Blind and Visually Impaired ………………801-629-4769
PIP for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing ………………801-629-4768
usdb.org/parents/parent-infant-program-pip/


2.3. Data Provided by BWEIP BTOTS Database


*includes CAPTA referrals