

Delaware

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

AGE:

Birth to 21 years of age.

RESIDENCY:

Resident of Delaware. Eligible families must physically reside within the state of Delaware.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Child Development Watch is the statewide early intervention program under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for children ages birth to three.

Eligible Conditions for Child Development Watch:

Children birth to three with an established condition. An established condition is one with a high probability of developmental delay, including, but not limited to the following:

- Chromosomal
- Genetic disorders
- Severe infectious diseases
- Neurologic disorders
- Congenital anomalies
- Sensory disorders
- Severe adjustments, socio-affective and other atypical disorders
- Severe toxic exposure
- Medically fragile
- Chronic medical illness
- Low birth weight/small for gestational age
- Growth deficiency

Developmental Delay – Verification of developmental delay shall be determined by a multidisciplinary team. Eligibility criteria will be based on a substantiation of a significant difference between the age expected level of development (based on gestational age) and current level of functioning. Multiple sources of information will be used in the determination of eligibility for service provision. These sources would include, but are not limited to, a developmental history as reported by the parent or primary caregiver and an observation of the child's abilities and behavior. In addition, a diagnostic review would include the results from appropriate, valid assessment instruments and the clinical judgment of the multidisciplinary team.

Infants and toddlers may be classified as developmentally delayed using any one or more of the following criteria:

- A 25% delay in one or more of the following developmental domains: cognitive development, physical development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development; and/or
- Clinical judgement to determine a classification of developmental delay provided that written justification is included in the multidisciplinary team minutes; and/or
- Standardized test scores (when available) of 1.75 or more standard deviation below the mean.

Excluded Conditions:

None listed. Contact the Program directly for more information.

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

General Financial Eligibility:

None. Contact the Program directly for more information.

Financial Eligibility for Initial Screening:

None. Contact the Program directly for more information.

Family Co-Payment or Financial Participation Requirements:

Inability to pay will not prevent service delivery. Sliding fee scale when not covered by insurance for some services.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

SERVICES:

Eligible Services for Child Development Watch:

Assistive technology devices and services	Nutrition services
Audiology	Occupational therapy
Developmental services	Physical therapy
Family training and counseling	Psychological services
Health services	Social work services
Medical services (for evaluation only)	Speech-language pathology
Nursing services	Transportation

Excluded Services:

None listed. Contact the Program directly for more information.

HOW/WHERE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED:

Natural Environment.

Specialty Clinics/Programs:

Child Development Watch:

Child Development Watch is the statewide early intervention program under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for children ages birth to three. It is comprised of several state and community agencies, under the leadership of Delaware Health and Social Services Birth to Three Intervention System. The program's mission is to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities and or developmental delays, and to enhance the capacity of their families to meet the needs of their young children. Child Development Watch provides evaluations and services to eligible families who have children with developmental delays and/or disabilities. The population eligible for early intervention services include infants and toddlers with established conditions (disabilities) and/or developmental delays. The age of eligibility is from birth until the child's third birthday.

Specialty Clinics/Programs: (continued)

Preschool Diagnostic and Development Nursery (PDDN):

The Preschool Diagnostic and Developmental Nursery provides home and center-based early intervention services to children with special needs, age birth to three, and their families. Services are provided in an integrated environment so that interaction with peers is a part of every child's experience. Service delivery reflects a team approach, and includes services such as early intervention special instruction, therapy services, consultation/collaboration services, and family service coordination. An Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) is jointly developed by each family and the appropriate service delivery personnel. Eligibility for this program includes children birth to three with developmental delay. Referrals through Child Development Watch (Part C).

Kids Kare:

The Division of Public Health provides a multidisciplinary support program for vulnerable families with children who have been found to be biologically, nutritionally, psychosocially, or environmentally at risk, factors that are highly correlated with a probability of delayed development. A care plan is developed based on the needs of the family determined by risk factors identified at an initial home visit assessment. The families receive support, teaching and coordination of services in their home from Public Health nurses, social workers, and/or nutritionists. Services are available for low income families who have Medicaid or who are uninsured. Children up to the age of 21 may be referred but priority is given to those children who are between the ages of birth to six. Children referred to this program may show signs of developmental delay but do not meet the eligibility requirements for the Part C Program.

Specialty clinics include Cardiology, Neurology, and Ophthalmology. Cardiology and neurology services are provided for all children who are underinsured or not insured. Ophthalmology services are for all children regardless of insurance.

COORDINATION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES:

Contact the Program directly for more information.

Coordination of Financial Benefits:

Contact the Program directly for more information.

Coordination of Services:

Contact the Program directly for more information.

SPECIALIZED OR UNIQUE SERVICES, SPECIAL GRANTS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.:

Contact the Program directly for more information.

STATUTORY/REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

None listed.