

MISSOURI FIRST STEPS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (34 CFR 303.300)

Children who are eligible for early intervention services are children between the ages of birth and 36 months who have been determined by a multidisciplinary team composed of at least two different disciplines as having:

A. A diagnosed physical or mental condition associated with developmental disabilities or has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay or disability.

STATE DEFINITION OF DIAGNOSED CONDITIONS

The State of Missouri has adopted the following conditions to meet the definition of "diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay":

1. **Conditions diagnosed at birth or within 30 days post birth (newborn conditions)**

- a. **Very Low Birth Weight** (VLBW; less than 1,500 grams) **with one or more conditions:**
- Apgar of 6 or less at 5 minutes
 - Intracranial bleeds (Grade II, III, or IV)
 - Ventilator dependent for 72 hours or more
 - Asphyxiation

OR:

2. **Conditions Diagnosed (Neonatal/Infant/Toddler Conditions)**

- a. **Genetic conditions** known to be associated with mental retardation or developmental disabilities including but not limited to:

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| --Down Syndrome | --Trisomy 13 Syndrome |
| --Cri-du-Chat Syndrome | (Patau's) |
| --Klinefelter's Syndrome | --Triple X Syndrome |
| --Trisomy 18 Syndrome | --Fragile X Syndrome |
| (Edward's) | --Prader Willi |
| --Turner's Syndrome | --Pierre Robin |

OR:

- b. **Additional conditions** known to be associated with mental retardation or developmental disabilities including but not limited to:

- Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE) (36 weeks gestation or more)
- Cranio-facial anomalies (i.e, cleft palate, etc.)
- Epilepsy/ Seizure Disorder
- Spina Bifida
- Blindness, including visual impairments
- Macro/Microcephalus, including Hydrocephalus
- Deafness, including hearing impairments
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease
- PKU
- Cerebral Palsy
- Viruses/bacteria (Herpes, syphilis, cytomegalovirus, toxoplasmosis, and rubella)
- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders

OR:

3. Other conditions known to be associated with mental retardation or developmental disabilities to be considered for eligibility must be based upon informed clinical opinion by Board certificated neonatologists, pediatricians, geneticists, and/or pediatric neurologists. These physicians may refer a child by indicating the specific condition and documenting the potential impact of the condition in any of the five developmental areas.

OR:

B. **Developmental Delay (34 CFR 303.11):**

The child, as measured by appropriate diagnostic measures and procedures emphasizing the use of informed clinical opinion, is functioning at half the developmental level that would be expected for a child considered to be developing within normal limits and of equal age. In the case of infants born prematurely, the adjusted chronological age should be assigned for a period of up to 12 months and is determined by deducting one-half of the prematurity from the child's chronological age. The delay must be identified in one or more of the following areas:

- a. cognitive development;
- b. communication development;
- c. adaptive development;
- d. physical development, including vision and hearing;
- e. social or emotional development.