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## HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILD?

Children can be recommended to the program by doctors, nurses, social workers, friends, caregivers, and parents. After a referral has been made, a team of specialists will complete an assessment of the child and family situation. Care will begin after the child has been determined eligible.

## REACHING US

### Brockton Early Childhood Intervention Program

801 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301

#### Phone:

508-586-5977

#### Hours:

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Other hours available by appointment.

## A PART OF BAMSI

Incorporated in 1975, BAMSI is one of the largest minority non-profit organizations in Massachusetts and delivers a broad spectrum of high-quality services to individuals and families. Through a dedicated staff of more than 1,500, BAMSI supports more than 25,000 individuals a year, operating more than 100 locations throughout the Commonwealth.

Program services include day and residential services for those with developmental disabilities, brain injuries, and mental health concerns; behavioral health services; housing and essential services; services for children, youth, and family; HIV services; and elderly services.



## EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)



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#### **WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?**

Early Intervention (EI) is a public health program that provides therapeutic support to help infants and toddlers who have developmental delays or are at risk for such delays. Services are available for children from birth to age three.

The goal of the program is to help children as soon as possible so they can reach their full potential. Getting help early can make a significant difference in a child’s life. EI teams work with families of at-risk children to determine what services are needed and the best way to provide those services.

Early Intervention staff includes speech therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and other professionals who possess clinical experience for children with a variety of needs. For 30 years, the Brockton Early Childhood Intervention Program has been vital to the health and well-being of children in Southeastern Massachusetts.

#### **HOW DOES EARLY INTERVENTION WORK?**

After an initial evaluation of a child’s abilities, the child’s family is assigned an Individual Service Coordinator. The coordinator works with the family to develop a personalized plan according to the family’s particular needs. The coordinator also assists the family through the transition process after EI’s services are no longer needed. If a child reaches age three or is no longer eligible for EI services, but requires further assistance, referrals will be made to services within the child’s local community and school system.

#### **WHERE ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?**

The majority of Early Intervention services are provided in your home, your child care center, or other locations where you and your child feel comfortable. Whenever possible, services are included as part of your child’s normal daily activities. Children also have access to BAMSI’s state-of-the-art Children’s Community Center, which offers interaction with other children through toddler groups. This therapeutic center includes toddlers who are not eligible for services as peer role models.

#### **IS THERE A COST?**

Families are not charged a fee for Early Intervention services. Most health insurance providers, including Medicaid, pay for Early Intervention services. EI assures that no child will be denied assistance due to inability to pay.

#### **IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?**

Children from birth to age three are eligible if they demonstrate developmental delay or are at risk for such delay. The towns eligible for Brockton Early Childhood Intervention services are Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Holbrook, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman.

#### **Children may also be eligible if they:**

- have trouble seeing or hearing
- have trouble learning to walk, talk, or feed themselves
- have behavior difficulties
- were born prematurely
- have low body weight for their age or height
- have medical conditions or disabilities that affect development
- are homeless, or don’t have adequate food, clothing, or shelter
- have parents with serious medical conditions, substance abuse issues, or mental health problems
- have experienced domestic violence at home