

What is Birth to Three?

Q The first three years are the most important building blocks of your child's future. Every family wants their children to grow to their fullest potential, especially during this formative time. Some children who have developmental delays or disabilities need extra support. One way this support is provided is through early intervention. The Wisconsin early intervention program, is known as Birth to Three.

Birth to Three staff, trained in assessing the developmental strengths and needs of very young children, determine if a child is eligible for the program. Once a child is enrolled, staff and families work in partnership to determine which services will best support their child's ability to grow, learn, and communicate.

The following Birth to Three Services may be provided through a Primary Coach approach:

- Developmental Screenings
- Developmental Evaluations
- Child & Family Education
- Speech & Language Pathology Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Community Information
- Related Health Services
- Service Coordination

Who Can Make a Referral?

Q Anyone concerned with how a child is developing may make a referral to Birth to Three such as parents, physicians, family members, child care providers, school personnel, therapists, or other agencies.

What Will It Cost?

Q Family income does not determine eligibility for Birth to Three. Developmental screening, evaluation, and service coordination are provided at no cost. Families who are able may be asked to participate in the cost of services. Medical Assistance and private insurance can be billed with family permission.

How Do I Receive Information or Make a Referral?

Q Contact the Portage County Birth to 3 at:

Portage County Birth to 3
817 Whiting Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481
(715) 345-5350 Option 5
Fax: (715) 345-5966

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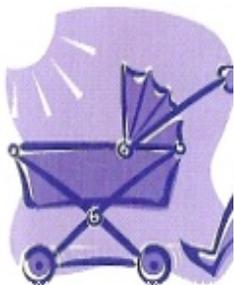
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Every child develops at their own pace and in their own way. The developmental milestones listed here tell you what you can expect from your child. No one knows your child better than you!

1 to 4 Months

- I gurgle and smile when I'm happy.
- When you talk to me, I answer by cooing and gurgling.
- I'm fascinated by my hands and bring them together to look at them.
- I can hold my head and chest up for a few minutes when on my tummy.
- I recognize some people by their voices.
- When you hold me, I push with my arms and legs.

5 to 8 Months



- I babble, making sounds like eee, ahhh, dada.
- I watch your mouth and try to imitate sounds you make.
- I recognize my name.
- I like to grab, bang, and shake things and put them in my mouth.

- I can pass a toy from one hand to the other.
- I may crawl backward and forward on my stomach.
- I rock my body to roll over.
- I can sit for a while without any help.
- Around strangers, I may cling to you or cry.

9 to 12 Months

- I understand some words, my name, and simple sentences.
- I know things familiar to me have a name like, "puppy."
- I can say "no" or shake my head from side to side.
- I feed myself finger foods, even tiny pieces, and help hold my cup.
- I can pull myself up by holding on, but have to practice getting down.
- I crawl upstairs but don't know how to go downstairs.
- I try to dress and undress myself, but am not very good at it yet.
- I walk if you hold one or both of my hands.
- I like to play peek-a-boo and patty-cake.
- I follow simple directions and understand a lot of what you say.
- I am still afraid of strangers.



13 to 17 Months

- I can say 4 or 5 simple words other than "mama" and "dada."
- I can let you know when I want something, like something to drink.
- I can follow simple requests like "Give me the ball."
- I am getting good at imitating words.
- I can turn pages in a book, a few at a time, and point to pictures I know.
- I am learning to use a spoon.
- I can walk pretty well, which helps me get into everything.
- I like a lot of attention and hugs, even though I am mostly interested in myself.

18 to 23 Months

- I can say 10-20 simple words. But use "no" a lot.
- I can follow simple directions.
- I can answer some questions like "What does the dog say?"
- I can feed myself pretty well and drink by myself from a cup without a cover.
- I can put two-piece puzzles together.
- I can take off all my clothes and put most of them back on.
- I can throw a ball, run, and climb.
- I'm developing a mind of my own, so I don't always respond quickly to requests.

24 to 30 Months

- I can name almost everything that is familiar to me. (100 to 200 words)
- I can sit and "read" picture books, turning pages, and naming pictures.
- I can make a tower of 8 blocks.
- I can feed myself using a spoon and fork.
- I can walk up and down stairs using the railing.
- I like to be with other children for a short time, but I'm only beginning to understand sharing.
- I know what a toilet is for, but I may not want to use it.

31 to 36 Months

- I can make some 4 or 5 word phrases, like "Get some for me."
- I am able to choose and put on my own clothes.
- I can kick a ball forward, jump with both feet, and peddle a tricycle.
- I can match circles with circles and squares with squares.
- I will play with two or three children in a group.
- I act ashamed when I'm caught doing something I shouldn't.
- I can pay attention in my play for 5 minutes.
- I like pretend play like feeding my baby doll.

