

# ***Developmental Services in Early Intervention***

Developmental services are designed to support the family in learning new strategies to support every area of the child's development and participation in daily activities and routines (Division of Early Childhood, 2014).

*The developmental services provider supports the caregiver(s) and their child by:*



Participating in family routines.



Understanding how culture, values, and beliefs influence each family's routines and activities.



Following directions at home and in the community.



Learning early literacy skills that are the roots for reading and writing success.



Understanding what a child's behavior means and how to support the child.



Building relationships with siblings and other children.



Supporting playful interactions by increasing attention and creativity within routines and activities.



Building a child's thinking skills including attention, imitation, and play skills.



Finding opportunities for the child to learn and engage with their family.



Encouraging the child's confidence to explore and learn on their own.



Communicating with the family using words and phrases, facial expressions, and social and communicative gestures.

*Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy are other services covered by most insurance plans. In most instances, Developmental Services are not covered. We understand this may be a financial challenge to families that believe Developmental Services may be the best service to meet their child's goals. Service Coordinators may be able to help reduce costs. Discuss the option of a Family Cost Share with your Service Coordinator.*

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