

## Child Development Service Overview

Child development services promote partnerships with local, early intervention services, pre-school, and other providers. Together they serve children and their families by encouraging developmental growth in natural environments. The services emphasize early interventions that meet the needs of a specific child. Services may include therapy, education, counseling and training; and are provided from birth until age three when children become eligible through public schools.



## Eligibility Requirements

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) clients:

Be two years old or younger and have evidence of a developmental delay of at least 1.5 standard deviations or 25% or more of the chronological age in one area.

This must be measured by developmental assessment tools, and administered by qualified professionals.

## Stakeholders

- Individuals and their families
- Counties
- Qualified service providers
- Advocacy organizations
- Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)
- School districts
- Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

## Quality Assurance Oversight

### External

- DCYF
- Washington State Auditor's Office

### Internal

- DDA monitoring and evaluation process of counties and client service
- County monitoring of subcontracted providers and client service

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The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) supports [child development services](#) through contractual partnerships with 22 of Washington's 39 counties. Counties collaborate with multiple local agencies to provide services to approximately 15,000 children a year.