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## EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

*“Community Bridges provided guidance when I didn’t know what to do. The staff is wonderful, supportive, and encouraging. Not only have they helped my son with his speech, they have helped me through some difficult times as a mother.” – Julie Pelopida, Eli’s Mom*

The possibility of a developmental delay in an infant or toddler can be an overwhelming prospect. Most families don’t know where to turn or what steps to take in order to support their child. Many have successfully navigated this uncertain path with help from Community Bridges’ Early Childhood Services program. Early Childhood Services works with families to prevent, identify, assess, and treat developmental delays. If a child requires services, parents take the lead in determining the direction and goals of these services. They include developmental therapies as well as services that benefit and support the entire family.

### Individualized Plans

Each child participant is assigned a team that includes parents and at least two certified developmental specialists from different areas. Through assessments, parent reports, and observations, these specialists determine if the child is eligible to receive services, and if necessary, develop an Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP).

### Family-Centered Services

Navigating the resources required for a child experiencing a delay is difficult for many families. Our Early Childhood Services program provides each eligible child a service coordinator, who not only provides direct developmental services to the child, but helps families navigate the resources available by:

- Organizing and attending appointments
- Increasing communication between service providers
- Coordinating with other services and specialists
- Assisting with referrals to community services such as childcare, Head-Start, parent support, and education groups
- Transitioning to the next appropriate service

### **Call Us Today!**

For more information about Community Bridges’ Early Childhood Services program, call 1-800-499-4153 or 603-225-4153 and ask to speak with an Early Childhood Services Program Coordinator.

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