

# The Importance of Early Intervention for Toddlers and their Families....

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## Introduction:

Positive early experiences are essential prerequisites for later success in school, work place, and the community. Services to young children who have or are at risk for developmental delays have been shown to **positively impact outcomes across developmental domains**, including health, language and communication, cognitive development and social/emotional development. Families benefit from early intervention by being able to better meet their children's special needs from an early age and throughout their lives. Many studies have documented the link between early loving, secure relationships and a child's self-esteem, confidence, and ability to communicate, deal with stress, develop positive relationships, and develop a conscience and learning.

## Importance of Early Intervention:

- High quality early intervention services can **change a child's developmental trajectory** and improve outcomes for children, families, and communities.
- Supporting a family's capacity to **understand and enhance** their child's unique development positively influences both parents and children.
- Supportive and caring relationships between children and caregivers have a **significant and enduring influence on young children's growth and development**.
- Child development, as well as parental well-being, is enhanced when parents and other caregivers are encouraged to understand each child's need & unique characteristics and respond with **sensitivity and warmth**.
- Early Intervention improves and **enhances the development of a child** with developmental delays, special needs or other concerns.
- Early Intervention provides assistance and support to **empower families** of children with developmental delays, special needs or other concerns.
- Early Intervention **lays a foundation** that will improve the life of the child and offer greater opportunities.
- It will provide your child with instruction that will build on his or her strengths to teach new skills, improve behaviours, and remediate areas of weakness.
- It will provide you with information that will help you better understand your child's behaviour and needs.

## Conclusion:

- Early intervention services are designed to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities.

- It has its mission to enhance the capacity of families to meet the special needs of their infants and toddlers with disabilities.
- It is intended to maximize the potential for infants and toddlers in the program to live independently in society.