

# Auglaize County Early Intervention Services

Infants & Toddlers to age 3 ■ No Cost to Families ■ Program is Voluntary

#### **Year-Round Services**

- Early Intervention Services are provided year-round and are available at no cost to families in Auglaize County.
- We work in partnership with area school districts to help children transition to public or private preschool services when a child turns three.

# **Service Coordination** for All Families

- A Service Coordinator is assigned immediately upon referral to the Early Intervention program.
- The Service Coordinator assists families through the evaluation and assessment process and links them to resources.

# Children are assessed through play in the following areas:

- Gross Motor
- Speech
- Fine Motor
- Language

Cognition

- Feeding
- Adaptive Behavior
- Sensory Development
- Social-Emotional Development

### **Team of Professionals**

- Our Early Intervention program is made up of a core team of professionals that support the family, promoting early childhood learning and development.
- Our core team of professionals include:
  - **☆ Developmental Specialists**
  - **☆** Occupational Therapists
  - **☆ Physical Therapists**
  - **☆ Speech-Language Pathologists**
- Depending on the need of the family, additional professionals may include: Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants, Hearing Specialists, Vision Specialists and more.

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# Children Learn Best in their **Natural Environment**

- Children learn everyday through each interaction with those around them.
- Our Early Intervention staff provide family focused supports based upon priorities identified by parents and caregivers.
- We work with families to promote their child's development and learning by focusing on the families' strengths and by creating fun learning opportunities through play and other daily activities.

## Parents are the Expert When it Comes to Their Child

- We believe parents and caregivers are a child's best teacher and are the most important part of the team supporting their child.
- The Early Intervention Team will meet several times per year to review the goals for each family and child. Parents and family members are a part of this Early Intervention Team and are invited to participate in these meetings by phone, online or in-person.