

Navigating the School System (Birth – 5)

Navigating the school system starts when a parent, guardian, pediatrician, daycare provider, or teacher makes a referral suspecting that the child has a developmental delay or another physical or mental condition. Use this resource as a guide for accessing early intervention services through the school system.

How old is the child?

Birth to 2.5 years old

Referral to Early On

To Do:

1. Make an online referral at https://1800earlyon.org/online_referral.php

OR

2. Call 1-800-Early-On (1-800-327-



Within 10 calendar days, a service coordinator will send a request to the parents for the child to be evaluated.



Within 45 days, a multidisciplinary assessment looking at the child's overall development will be completed.



Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

If the child qualifies for services, the team will create an IFSP

- Home-based services
- Service providers from the Intermediate School District (ISD).

3 to 5 years old

Referral to Build Up Michigan (Child Find Coordinator)

To Do:

1. Call your Child Find Coordinator. Find out who your coordinator is here:

<http://www.eotta.ccesa.org/Contacts.php?ID=17>

OR

2. Call 1-888-320-8384



Your local Child Find Coordinator will explain the resources available and help determine the next best steps for your child. A recommendation may be to screen your child or to do a complete an evaluation.



Individualized Education Program (IEP)

If the child qualifies for services, the team will create an IEP

- Services via an Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) program through the local school district.