

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is BabyNet?** BabyNet is South Carolina's interagency early intervention system for infants and toddlers under three years of age with developmental delays, or who have conditions associated with developmental delays.

### **Does my child need it?**

**Infants and toddlers from birth to three years may be eligible, regardless of their family's income, for BabyNet services if they are developing more slowly in any of the following ways: Learning to walk Height & weight Learning how to think Learning to listen & talk Getting along with others Doing things on their own**

### **How do I get it Babynet services?**

**You can complete a referral or ask your provider to complete a referral. All children who meet the eligibility criteria will be served regardless of family income.**

### **What if my child is older than 3?**

**If your child is between the ages of 3 and 21, you may contact your local school district's special services department. You will ask to schedule a Child Find screening.**

**Are BabyNet and an "EI" same/different?** EI, or Early Intervention Services help infants and toddlers who have delays in growing, developing and learning. Early Intervention Services may include therapies, assistive aids and devices, speech/hearing/vision services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, service coordination and/or family training. BabyNet is the payor source for EI services for eligible children. Your family will also be given the choice to have an Early Interventionist serve your family. The Early Interventionist serves a guide to other services that may be available to your child. They are a great resource for families who qualify.

**Do you have concerns about your child's language, feeding, sensory, or motor development?** Many families are concerned about their child's development. MTS Kids provides individualized, comprehensive care to children to promote the development of skills and relationships that last a lifetime. Call MTSKids at 864-244-3474 , email at [info@mtskids.com](mailto:info@mtskids.com), or visit us at [www.mtskids.com](http://www.mtskids.com) to schedule an evaluation to discuss your child's best next steps.

**What Is BabyNet?** BabyNet is South Carolina's interagency early intervention system for children 2 years and under with developmental conditions or delays. The system provides children and their families with the services and information they need to be the best possible caregivers and for the child to thrive in every aspect of their life.

**How Does BabyNet Work? BabyNet will evaluate your child's developmental progress at no cost to you and assess their eligibility for other additional services. If eligible for additional services, BabyNet will help connect you with providers of professional disability services and resources available. The early intervention process includes an evaluation, the creation of an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), regular monitoring, and ongoing communication. We'll dive into this process in more detail in a bit.**

**Provided in the "Natural Environment"**

- You don't have to go anywhere! We come right to your home to provide services!**
- We can also provide services anywhere else a child would normally go- daycare, library, park, etc.**

**How much is Babynet services.**

**All services are provided at no cost to you or your family!**

**This is a part of the federal legislation, IDEA, which requires for a "Free Appropriate Education" (FAPE)**

**What's the best benefit of early intervention? It works! It's been proven that with the right therapies, provided as early as possible, EI services can positively affect a child's developmental path and help them gain adequate cognitive, social, communication, and physical skills.**