

NEW EARLY INTERVENTION ELIGIBILITY IN ILLINOIS

Children 0–3 years old and their families are **eligible** for EI services if child has one of the following:

1

≥ 30% **developmental delay** in at least one area of development: cognitive, physical, social-emotional, communication, or adaptive

2

Medically diagnosed physical or mental condition* resulting in high probability of developmental delay (e.g. Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy)

3

At risk of substantial developmental delay because:

- Parent has a mental health diagnosis or developmental disability according to DSM-5
- Child meets 3 of 7 identified risk factors



- Starting July 2020, **“exposure to a toxic substance,”** such as a **confirmed blood lead level (BLL) ≥5 micrograms/deciliter (µg/dL)**, will be included as a medically diagnosed physical or mental condition resulting in high probability of developmental delay
- The new law, PA 101-0010, ensures **automatic eligibility** for children ages 0-3 who have been lead poisoned (**BLLs must be confirmed by a venous blood test**)
- Will guarantee continued and expanded access to Early Intervention services for children across Illinois who are lead-poisoned each year