



Need therapy for your birth-3 year old? We can help!

Looking at the options for therapy for a young child can be overwhelming. You may have heard about early intervention or clinic-based services. Often, medical professionals will refer to one and not the other, which can be confusing for families. There are differences between clinic-based and at-home early intervention services that the chart outlines below.

	Clinic-Based Services	Early Intervention
What is the focus of therapy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address medical needs /limitations of the child to allow for improved access and performance in a child's daily and community environments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist child/family in participation and access to functional daily activities in natural environments.
Who is eligible to receive these services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with a variety of impairments or functional limitations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with a 25% delay in an area of development and/or a medical diagnosis that has a high probability for developmental delay
Who pays for these services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services are paid through insurance (i.e. Medicaid and commercial insurances). Based on your insurance coverage there may be a co-pay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services are provided at no cost to the family.
How long can my child receive these services?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As long as services are medically necessary and your child qualifies based on insurance. Typically pediatric therapy ranges from birth up to 18 years old. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up until your child's third birthday. At this time if your child would continue to benefit from services they will go through a transition to clinic and/or school based services.
How do I get started?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to your pediatrician or call a clinic directly to set up an evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to your pediatrician or go to afit.org to find out more information on how to set up an evaluation.

Now the best news... You don't have to choose! You can elect to do BOTH early intervention and clinic based services.

If you decide clinic-based services might be right for your child or you have further questions about clinic-based services, Give Us a call!

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