

Families

Have you ever wondered...

Why isn't my baby crawling?
Why doesn't (he or she) follow moving objects with their eyes?
Why doesn't my baby roll over?
Why doesn't (he or she) imitate actions or words?
Why does my child seem to ignore me?
Why can't I understand what my child is saying?

If you have any concerns about your child's growth and development, call your pediatrician to schedule an appointment or contact Children 1st.

What can I expect after a referral?

Children 1st staff will contact you to schedule a developmental screening.

How do I reach Children 1st?

To find your local office, please visit **dph.georgia.gov/children1st** to learn more about the program.

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What is Children 1st?

Children 1st provides screening to identify children birth through their 5th birthday, at risk for poor growth and learning.

Children 1st is the single point of entry to services for children in public health.

Is there a cost for services?

There is no cost for services provided by Children 1st.

List of services

- Identify children at risk for poor growth and learning
- Developmental screenings and assessments administered via home, clinic, or virtual visits
- Referral and connection to:

Babies Can't Wait (BCW)
Children's Medical Services (CMS)
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)
Home Visiting
Community Resources

Providers

How can I make a referral?

1. Contact your local Children 1st office:
Visit dph.georgia.gov/children1st to download and complete the current Referral Form
2. Click "Service Locator" and complete the current Referral Form
3. Attach any supporting documents, including:
 - Child's hospital discharge summary
 - Developmental screening results
 - Medical records summary
4. Send the completed Referral Form and any supporting documents to the local Children 1st Coordinator; or
5. Call your local Children 1st coordinator to submit a referral by phone



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