

## Our Service Area

Riverside Early Intervention at Needham serves children and families in the towns of Needham, Newton, Wellesley and Weston.

### Riverside Early Intervention

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*“We really appreciate all the support and advice you’ve given to us for our little boy. You and everyone at Riverside have been amazing, and we feel very fortunate that our son is being helped by so many talented people. He’s doing so well.”*



## About Riverside Community Care

Each year Riverside Community Care provides more than 40,000 children, adolescents, and adults with a broad range of behavioral healthcare and human services. We offer mental healthcare, developmental and brain injury services, youth and early childhood programs, addiction treatment, trauma response, and more. And our work includes partnerships with local hospitals, physicians, and schools.

You can count on Riverside when you or someone you know needs help. We take your trust seriously and work hard to make a difference by delivering compassionate, locally-based, integrated care.

We make a difference – locally, every day.

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## What is Early Intervention?

Riverside Early Intervention provides educational, therapeutic, and support services to children between the ages of birth and three. The children we see have, or are at risk of having, delays in their development. We are a family-centered program that works to empower families to meet their children's individual needs through education, training, and support.

Our Early Intervention Team includes: developmental specialists, social workers, mental health professionals, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, and other specialists. All members of the Riverside Early Intervention team are certified as Early Intervention specialists by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

## Who is Eligible to Receive Services?

Children may be eligible for services if they:

- Have been diagnosed with a physical, emotional, or cognitive condition that may result in a developmental delay;
- Have feeding, vision, or hearing issues;
- Are slow to crawl, sit up, walk, or talk;
- Exhibit behavior difficulties or difficulty interacting with adults or other children;
- Are at risk for delays in development due to certain birth, health or environmental circumstances in the family.

Parents are encouraged to call the early intervention program if they have concerns related to their child's development.

## Riverside's Services

The Riverside Early Intervention team works closely with families to identify each child's strengths and developmental needs. Together they develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). The IFSP includes intervention strategies designed to assist the family in achieving desired developmental outcomes, and describes the services recommended to facilitate the child's progress.

One staff member is assigned as a service coordinator for each child enrolled in the program. The service coordinator works closely with the family and other caregivers to develop and incorporate recommended strategies into the child and family's daily routine. The service coordinator or the family may request periodic consultation from other team members. Services are provided in the home, at other community locations, such as childcare programs, or at Riverside's Early Intervention center and may include:

- Home visits with program professionals;
- Parent-Child Groups, Toddler Groups, and Parent Support Groups for families with eligible children;
- Consultation and collaboration with other community and medical service providers;
- Opportunities for non-eligible children to enroll in program-sponsored groups

## Who Pays for Services?

Early intervention services are paid for by private health insurance, Medicaid and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. There are no out-of-pocket costs to families for early intervention services. Tax deductible donations are always welcome to help defray program costs.