

YOUNG CHILD WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY RESOURCES, DEFINITION & CRITERIA

(Many of the resources listed are generic in nature or pertain to early childhood specifically. To find additional resources for a specific disability please refer to that section of the handbook.)

Special School District

Special School District provides Early Childhood Special Education to the following districts (for early childhood special education programs in districts not listed, contact your local school district.)

Affton – 314-633-5988

Bayless – 314-256-8631

Brentwood – 314-262-8521

Hancock Place – 314-544-1300

Jennings – 314-653-8070

Ladue – 314-993-5724

Lindbergh – 314-729-2400

Maplewood/Richmond Hgts – 644-4405

Normandy – 314-493-0880

Parkway – 314-415-6950

Ritenour – 314-493-6240

Riverview Gardens – 314-869-3211

Valley Park – 636-923-3519

Webster Groves – 314-963-6440

Local Resources

Bureau of Special Health Care Needs —
800-451-0669

www.health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn

Children with Special Health Care Needs Program provides funding for health/medical services for children under the age of 21 who meet medical and financial eligibility guidelines and need diagnostic or treatment services from specialist physicians. Also provides: • Cystic Fibrosis, Hemophilia, Head Injury, Sickle Cell Anemia,

Genetics Services and First Steps Programs

Center for Hearing and Speech
9835 Manchester Road
St. Louis, MO 63119
314-968-4710

www.hearing-speechstlouis.org

Hearing evaluations, hearing aid consultation and assistive listening devices; speech evaluation and therapy; stuttering program.

Central Institute for the Deaf
825 South Taylor Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
314-997-0132

www.cid.edu

Parent-infant programs; hearing, speech, language and academic evaluations; language development class for pre-school.

Childgarden Child Development Center
4150 Laclede
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-531-8148

<http://childgarden.org/>

Fully inclusive early education program. Children with disabilities and children without disabilities work and learn together in classrooms. In order to support the development of all, Childgarden provides a full array of early intervention services.

Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments
314-776-1300

www.dgckids.org

Provides Early Intervention Services to children birth to age 3 who are blind or have visual impairments and Family

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Support Services for families of children of all ages.

Family Resource Center/Family Forward
314-534-9350

www.frcmo.org

Therapeutic day treatment preschool for children ages three to five years old residing in St. Louis City or County who are experiencing emotional and/or behavioral problems.

First Steps: Missouri's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs

1-866-583-2392

<https://www.mofirststeps.com/>

Good Shepherd School for Children
314-469-0606

www.goodss.org

Preschool services and full-time childcare for children with and without disabilities, ages 18 months to 6 years. Therapy services and special education.

Knights of Columbus Development Center
314-577-5609

<http://www.cardinalglennon.com/medicalspecialties/developmental%20pediatrics/Pages/default.aspx>

Diagnostic services and therapeutic evaluations for children with disabilities, birth to age 18; training programs for parents.

LifeBridge Partnership
314-989-1188

<http://www.lifebridgestl.org/>

Provides social/recreational programs, transportation, specialized orthopedic equipment, awareness programs.

The Miriam School/Academy/Learning Center

314-968-3893

www.miriamstl.org

Programs for children ages 3 through high school that include speech, language and occupational therapy; academic tutoring and consultations.

Parents as Teachers National Center (PAT)

314-432-4330

www.parentsasteachers.org

Family education and support program for parents with children ages birth to 5. Program covers child development and suggests activities that encourage language development, intellectual growth, social and motor skills, and strengthens the parent-child relationship.

Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital
314-872-6400

www.rankenjordan.org

Children's rehabilitation center provides skilled nursing and comprehensive therapy services for children from 2 weeks to 16 years of age with a wide variety of medical needs.

St. Louis Arc/Belle Center
314-569-2211

www.slarc.org

Agency provides support and services to adults and children with disabilities and their families. ARCH respite services; Family Organization Workshop Series; Sibshop Series; consultation and referral; early intervention services, daycare and preschool (see Childgarden).

St. Louis Children's Hospital
314-454-6154

www.stlouischildrens.org

Comprehensive evaluation and therapy treatment programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech/language disorders from age's birth to young adult.

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St. Louis Regional Office
314-587-4800

<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/facilities/>
Operated by the Missouri Department of Mental Health's Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Every person who requests services is entitled to an initial diagnostic evaluation and case management. Eligibility is determined and arrangements are made to obtain services within the available resources of the division (in such areas as therapy, family support, training, residential services and more).

St. Louis University
Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
Department of Communication Disorders
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-977-3365
<http://www.slu.edu/departments-of-communication-sciences-and-disorders-home/speech-language-hearing-clinic>
Provides clinical services to people with speech, language or hearing problems on a sliding fee scale.

Shriners' Hospital for Children
314-432-3600
www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/hospitals/locations/stlouis.aspx
Medical care for children ages birth to 18 with orthopedic conditions.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Heartland
636-227-6030
www.ucpheartland.org
Provides Parent-child Early Intervention Program with in-home and center-based developmental therapy for children birth to age 3 in city and county. Parent education assistive technology center.

United 4 Children
314-531-1412
TTY: 314-535-6560
<http://united4children.org>
Provides leadership, coordination, innovation and advocacy in promoting quality child care, successful early childhood and youth development, accessibility and sustainability of non-school hour programs, and work/family balance so that children and youth have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

State Resources

Early Childhood Special Education
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
573-751-5739
<https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/early-childhood-special-education>

Missouri Head Start Association
www.moheadstart.org

National Resources

Council for Exceptional Children
www.cec.sped.org

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
www.naeyc.org

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center
www.nectac.org

PACER Center
www.pacer.org

Zero to Three
National Center for Clinical Infant Programs

www.zerotothree.org

Nonprofit dedicated to improving the chances for healthy physical, cognitive and social development of infants, toddlers and their families.

DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FROM APPENDIX A OF THE MISSOURI STATE PLAN

Young Child with a Developmental Delay Definition

A young child with a developmental delay refers to a child between the ages of 3 and 5 who is experiencing developmental delays as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures. The child may have delays in one or more of the following developmental areas: physical, cognitive, communication, social or emotional, or adaptive.

Criteria for Initial Eligibility for Young Children with a Developmental Delay

A child has a developmental delay when:

For children ages 3 through 5 (not kindergarten age eligible)

- A. The child's development is at or below 1.5 standard deviations, or equivalent levels, of the mean in any two areas of development or at or below 2.0 standard deviations, or equivalent levels, in any one area of development. Areas of development that can be used to determine eligibility include physical, cognitive, communication, social/emotional or adaptive
- B. The child needs special education and related services.

Professional Judgment

A child may also be deemed eligible when:

- A. The evaluation report documents through formal and informal assessment that a significant deficit exists and a child is eligible for services even though the standard scores, or equivalent levels, do not meet the stated criterion levels in A above, or,
- B. The team may determine that a child who is functioning above the stated criterion level and because of intensive early intervention, is eligible for services based on expected regression if services were to be terminated.

Note on kindergarten-eligible children age 5:

Children kindergarten age eligible may continue eligibility as a young child with a developmental delay if they were identified as such prior to attaining kindergarten age eligibility.