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 – 989-8376
Bayless – 989-8376
Brentwood – 962-8374
Hancock Place – 989-8376
Jennings – 989-8213
Ladue – 989-8441
Lindbergh – 989-8376
Maplewood/Richmond Hghts – 989-8374
Normandy – 989-8213
Parkway – 415-4980
Ritenour – 989-8374
Riverview Gardens – 989-8213
Valley Park – 415-4980
Webster Groves – 989-8374

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 preschool.
Childgarden Child Development Center
4150 Laclede
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-531-8148
www.childgardencdc.org
Early intervention services that include physical, speech and occupational therapies; training for parents; daycare and preschool for children ages 6 weeks years of age with and without disabilities.
Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments
1750 S. Big Bend Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63117
314-776-1300
www.dgckids.org
Provides Early Intervention Services to children birth to age 3 who are blind or

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have visual impairments and Family Support Services for families of children of all ages.

Family Resource Center
3309 S. Kingshighway
St. Louis, MO 63139
314-534-9350
www.frcmo.org
Therapeutic preschool for children ages 2 to 5 who have emotional, behavioral or developmental problems that prevent them from adjusting to a regular child care setting.

First Steps: Missouri's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs
1-866-583-2392
http://www.dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps/

Good Shepherd School for Children
1170 Timber Run Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146
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.

Head Start
573-884-5078
www.moheadstart.org

Howard Park Center
15834 Clayton Road
Ellisville, MO 63011
636-227-2339
www.howardparkcenter.org
Therapy services and early intervention to infants, toddlers and young children with disabilities. Center- or home-based services.

Knights of Columbus Development Center
3800 Park Ave
St. Louis, MO 63110
314-577-5609
http://www.cardinalglennon.com/medical-specialties/developmental%20pediatrics/Pages/default.aspx
Diagnostic services and therapeutic evaluations for children with disabilities, birth to age 18; training programs for parents.

LifeBridge Partnership
1187 Corporate Lake Drive, Ste 100
St. Louis, MO 63132
314-989-1188
http://www.lifebridgestl.org/
Provides social/recreational programs, transportation, specialized orthopedic equipment, awareness programs.

Mercy Kids Therapy and Development Center
641 S. New Ballas Road
St. Louis, MO 63141
314-872-3345
http://www.mercy.net/stlouismo/practice/mercy-childrens-therapy-and-development-center
Serves infants and children with delayed development of motor, speech/language, social or learning skills, behavioral problems, attention deficit disorder or learning disabilities.

The Miriam School/Learning Center
501 Bacon Avenue
Webster Groves, MO 63119
314-968-3893
www.miriamstl.org
Programs for children ages 3 to 12 that include speech, language and occupational therapy; academic tutoring and consultations.
Parents as Teachers National Center (PAT)
2228 Ball Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146
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
11365 Dorsett Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
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. Joseph Institute for the Deaf
1809 Clarkson Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017
636-532-3211
www.sjid.org

Serves families and their children less than five years of age who have delayed speech and language development.

St. Louis Arc/Belle Center
1177 N Warson Road
St. Louis, MO 63132
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
1 Children’s Place
St. Louis, MO 63110
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.

St. Louis Regional Office
9900 Page, Suite 106
St. Louis, MO 63132
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
McGannon Hall
3750 Lindell Blvd, Suite 32
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-977-3365
www.slu.edu/x12349.xml

Preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 who present a language disorder as the primary component of their disability.

Shriner's Hospital for Children
4400 Clayton Ave
St. Louis, MO 63110
314-432-3600
Medical care for children ages birth to 18 with orthopedic conditions.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Heartland
13975 Manchester Road
Manchester, MO 63011
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
4236 Lindell Blvd, Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63108
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

Head Start
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.

Toy Catalogs
Childswork/Childsplay
www.childswork.com

Flaghouse-Special Populations
www.flaghouse.com

Toys for Special Children/Enabling Devices
www.enablingdevices.com

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

Young Child with a Developmental Delay Definition

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“Young Child with a Developmental Delay” means a child ages 3 through 5 who is experiencing developmental delays, as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures, in one or more of the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development, and who need special education and related services.

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.

For children ages 5 (kindergarten eligible)

A. 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.