



# What is FIPP

Early intervention provides services for eligible infants and toddlers up to age three with developmental delays or disabilities and their families, in line with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C. Eligibility is based on diagnosis or developmental delay criteria. Once eligible, a team develops an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) including a service coordinator, evaluator, service provider, and family. Research shows that children learn best through everyday activities with important people in their lives. Early intervention focuses on supporting families and caregivers to promote the child's learning in daily activities and routines within family, community, and early childhood settings.

## Contract service provider.

The Family, Infant and Preschool Program (FIPP) is a contract service provider for the North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program serving Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, and McDowell counties in North Carolina. If you live in one of these counties, your child is eligible for early intervention services, and you would like to receive state-of-the-art services from FIPP, let your service coordinator know. If your child is under the age of five and not eligible for early intervention services, but you have questions or concerns about his/her development, FIPP can still serve you.

## Nationally Recognized

The FIPP Developmental Services & Medical Supports team is nationally and internationally recognized as a model early intervention program using natural learning environment practices, a coaching interaction style to build the capacity of caregivers to promote child development, and a primary service provider approach to teaming. FIPP provides training and technical assistance including web-based courses, workshops, coaching, and implementation tools. Program administrators, therapists, educators, and students from around the globe come to FIPP to observe and learn how to provide research-based early intervention services.

Have more questions? Please contact us at [fipp.info@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:fipp.info@dhhs.nc.gov) or call us at 828-608-6700.

If your child needs assistance, FIPP can help.