



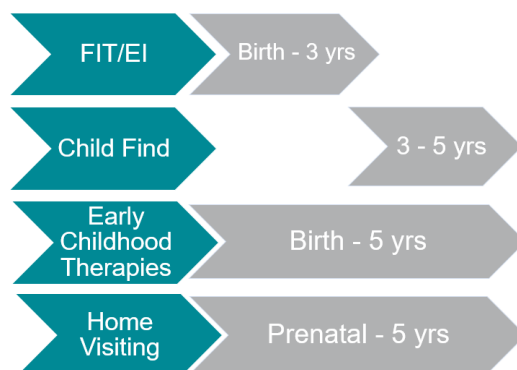
BabyNet - Early Childhood Birth to 5

BabyNet is New Mexico's system for information and referral to early therapy and developmental services statewide for infants and children. Speak with an Information Specialist by calling:

505-272-8549 or 1-800-552-8195

Email: HSC-InfoNet@salud.unm.edu

Website: www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet



• Early Intervention (EI) through the Family Infant Toddler (FIT) program

Through EI provider agencies, FIT provides free early intervention assessment and services to children, age birth to 3, who have a developmental delay or who may be at risk for developmental delays. Anyone with a concern about a child's development may make a referral to a FIT agency. A child may receive services from *both* a NM FIT program *and* an outpatient therapy provider.



• Child Find programs through school districts, for children who are 3 years or older and still need services



If a child is 3 or older, and the child has a suspected disability, or developmental delay, the child can be referred to a Child Find program where they can be evaluated to determine if they qualify for special education services.

• Other therapy services for infants and young children

Some babies and young children may benefit from specific physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy services provided in a clinic setting or in a home. These therapy services involve meeting with a licensed therapist to help the child learn skills. Parents are also taught activities or exercises to do with the child at home to support their progress. Services are often covered by Medicaid. Costs may vary for other insurances or self-pay. Contact BabyNet to find a provider agency.



• Home Visiting for new and expecting families

Home Visiting programs provide free services with trained professionals for families who are expecting or who have children who have not entered kindergarten. Eligibility requirements vary. Some programs require enrollment during pregnancy. Each program follows a specific curriculum model. Home visitors:



- Support parents and families to have a healthier pregnancy
- Help parents understand their role as their child's most important teacher
- Visit families in their home or an alternative location at the family's request
- Connect families to a variety of resources in the community

Additional Resources for Families with Infants or Young Children:

- **CDD Information Network Library** – Disability and health-related books, eBooks, and DVDs. Materials are available for check out or onsite use by the public. Early childhood tip sheets to help families find and navigate service systems are available on the website and in the library.
Phone: 505-272-0281 or 844-231-5003 Website: www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet
- **CYFD Child Care Assistance Program** – Subsidizes the cost of child care for low-income families (at or below 200% of the federal poverty level) that are working and/or in school and have a need for child care.
Phone: 800-832-1321 Website: <https://cyfd.org/child-care-services/child-care-assistance>
- **Early Childhood Evaluation Program (ECEP)** - Evaluations for children ages birth to 3 living in NM. ECEP addresses concerns regarding developmental delay, complex medical conditions, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, behavioral/regulatory issues, and other specialized evaluation questions for very young children.
Phone: 505-272-9846 or 1-800-337-6076 Website: www.cdd.unm.edu/ecep
- **EPICS** – Services families who have Native American children with disabilities or developmental delays in NM, including those with special healthcare needs, and the professionals that work with them.
Phone: 888-499-2070 Website: www.epicsnm.org
- **Family Infant Toddler (FIT) program** – State program that contracts with agencies to provide Early Intervention services in NM.
Phone: 877-696-1472 Website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/fit/>
- **New Mexico Kids Early Childhood Services Center** - Services and resources for educators and families in NM, including childcare or professional development for early childhood educators.
Phone: 800-691-9067 Website: www.newmexicokids.org
- **Parents Reaching Out (PRO)** – Works with parents, caregivers, educators and other professionals to improve the lives of children with special healthcare needs and their families, including training, advocacy, parent-to-parent connections, and resources and referral.
Phone: 505-247-0192 Website: www.parentsreachingout.org

