

About CPEM, Inc.

The program has sites in Lynn and Salem serving children in the following communities on the North Shore: Danvers, Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Salem, Saugus and Swampscott.



NSIT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, sexual orientation or disability. It is funded in part by the City of Salem, Dept. of Planning and Community development, US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, North Shore United Way, United Way of Mass. Bay and fundraising efforts of CPEM.

What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention (EI) is a service available to children between birth and three years of age who have developmental delays or are at risk for developmental delays due to biological or environmental factors.

- Early Intervention staff members work as a team with parents, caregivers and medical professionals to help every child acquire the skills they need to reach their developmental potential. Services are provided in the places where children spend their time, such as family homes, childcare programs or community playgroups.
- Early Intervention offers families and care givers education, training, resources and support with respect for the beliefs, values, lifestyle and priorities of each family.



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**North Shore
Infant &
Toddler**



A Program of Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc.



**Who can
make a
referral for
EI services?**

Anyone can refer a child for EI services. Parents, physicians, child care providers, social service providers or community providers can call, with parent's permission, if there are concerns about a child's development. Early Intervention services do not require a prescription or prior approval but concerns should always be discussed with the child's caregiver and medical provider.

**Who is
eligible
for EI
services?**

Any child from birth to three years of age who is at risk for developmental delays due to medical, biological or environmental factors may be eligible. This includes children who:

- Are not reaching developmental milestones such as crawling, walking or talking as expected
- Have vision, hearing or feeding difficulties
- Were born prematurely or with low birth weight
- Have behavioral, emotional or attention difficulties
- Have a diagnosed medical, physical or developmental condition
- Are at risk for delays due to environmental factors

**Who
provides
EI
services?**

Early Intervention services are provided by a team of professionals that may include: an educator, speech-language pathologist, social worker, nurse, occupational therapist, physical therapist or psychologist. The child's family and medical providers are important members of the EI team. Each family will have an EI staff person who will be their service coordinator, their primary link to the supports and services of the program.

**Who pays
for EI
services?**

Early Intervention programs are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Medicaid, Massachusetts HMO's and private health insurance companies. Families are asked to pay an annual participation fee based on income and family size. No family will be denied services due to inability to pay.

