

Understanding the Tracking Program

Some children are considered to be at risk for having delays occur in their development. To be considered for the Tracking Program, children must meet at least one of the following categories:

- weigh less than 3 ½ pounds at birth;
- received care from the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU);
- born to a chemically dependent mother (including children who are “affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure”);
- confirmed abuse or neglect;
- confirmed lead level
- homelessness (Family identifies themselves as being homeless.)

Once the child is eligible for the Tracking Program, the Service Coordinator will develop a Tracking Plan that outlines what the Service Coordinator will do for your child and family including how often your child will receive a Tracking visit. The Ages and Stages Questionnaire will be used at each visit.. Typically, a child’s development is tracked every 2 months until 2 years then every 3 months until age 3.

At each tracking visit, the Service Coordinator will ask you questions about your child’s development. They will offer suggestions on how incorporating activities into existing family routines will help your child’s development. Developmental information will be shared as well. The Service Coordinator will also review with you the need for an evaluation. You will receive a copy of the updated Tracking Plan after each Tracking visit.