

IDENTIFYING THE NEED TO REFER TO PART C/*tiny-k* EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

As a professional in Kansas, you are part of a system of mandated referral sources for young children under the age of three. If you suspect a delay or disability, you are required by law to refer the child and family to your local Part C/*tiny-k* early intervention program, within seven working days. Please remember that each child is different and may learn and grow at a different pace. These differences may or may not be cause for concern. As a professional you are an observer of the child's growth and development. If a child has special needs, early help can make a difference. You will want to contact your local Part C/*tiny-k* early intervention program if you notice that the infant or toddler:

- Has asymmetrical movements: that is, does everything with the left side and hardly ever uses the right side, or one side of body is much stronger than the other.
- Moves very little, limbs are limp, or movements are jerky and spastic.
- Does not use index finger to point to indicate interest (by 18 months).
- Does not respond to name when you call (by 12 months).
- Does not bring objects over to you to show you (by 18 months).
- Is hard to calm or comfort.
- Has rapid, extreme, mood changes.
- Shows little interest in people or toys.
- Is always fearful or on guard.
- Does not follow simple directions (by 18 months).
- Is not waving bye-bye (by 12 months).
- Does not walk without help (by 16 months).
- Is not reaching for toys and picking them up (by 6 months).
- Does not use 8-10 words (by 18 months).
- Does not smile in response to your face or smile.
- Was born prematurely (less than 31 weeks gestation).
- Had extremely low birth weight or failure to thrive.
- Has difficulty feeding or unusual eating patterns.
- Does not repeat activities despite family encouragement.
- Displays tantrums or aggression that is of concern to the parent.
- Absence of or limited interaction/attachment to significant adult.
- Difficulty with typical daily routines such as eating, sleeping or playing.
- Becomes overly upset when routines are changed.
- Has a medical diagnosis that may lead to developmental delay.
- Has had a screening that indicates concern in any developmental area, vision, nutrition, or hearing.

A list of the local networks and contact information may be accessed by calling the Kansas Resource Guide 1-800-332-6262 or by visiting: http://www.ksits.org/download/network_brochure.pdf