

State Disability Services WHAT'S THE TREND? EARLY INTERVENTION





Ronin is 6 months old. I am a little worried, Kim. He does not like to play games like peek-a-boo. He never smiles.



Babies that are his age love to laugh. Have you looked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Milestones Checklist or Tracker App?



I am looking at the checklist now. Children his age can smile! He should also roll over.



You should talk with your doctor. Your son may need early intervention. Intervention is helping someone with a concern.



Early intervention helps with concerns about babies and toddlers. It has services like speech therapy, family counseling, sign language services, and more. The services help kids move, play, and grow up like other kids their age.





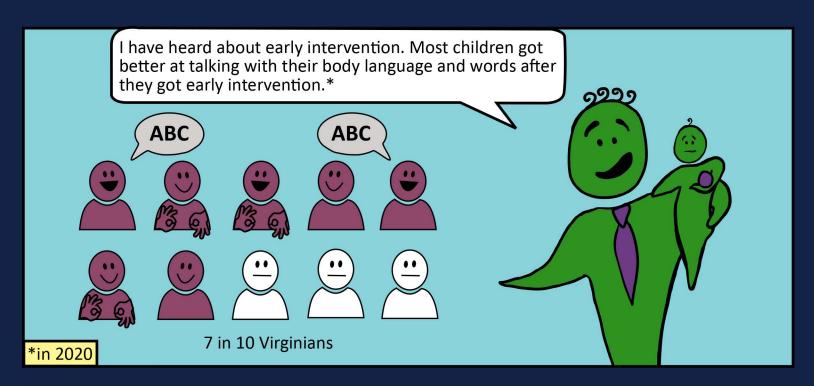
speech therapy



family counseling



sign language



Yes. In 2020, Covid-19 made people stay away from each other. Children were sad and couldn't connect with others. Early intervention still helped kids get better at showing their feelings.** Maybe they can help your son smile.

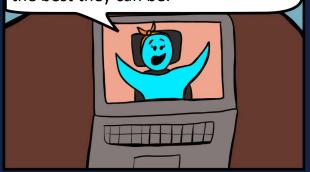
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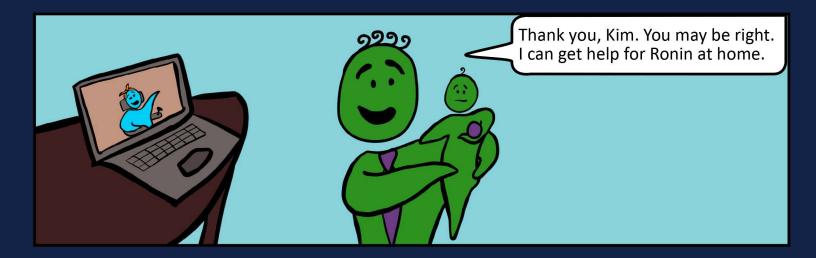
Early intervention sounds great for other kids. My son does not need help though.

I am a good parent. There is nothing wrong with him.



Early intervention does not mean you are a bad parent. It does not mean there is something wrong with your son. Early intervention helps kids be the best they can be.





They can help him transition into preschool too. Almost all kids switched into preschool quickly.***

Talk to your doctor about the milestones checklist. Your doctor can help with a referral to early intervention if your son needs it. Early intervention is free. You are a great dad. Your son is lucky to have you.

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Want to learn more about early intervention?

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Go to the Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia webpage <u>itcva.online</u> or call 1-800-234-1448.

To see a Milestone Checklist, go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "Learn the Signs" webpage on cdc.gov.

Find more early intervention data at the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities "Project Living Well" webpage at wbpd.virginia.gov or the Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia website itcva.online.

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