

**Our Mission Statement:**

The Children's Academy Early Learning Center believes the educational, social, and emotional development of young children is vital to their future.

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We partner with our families and community to provide students with individualized, research-based learning experiences that will ensure the academic and personal success of each student.



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Children's Academy  
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# Early Intervention Services

for

**Children Ages 3-5 Years Old**

at

## Children's Academy Early Learning Center

New Albany Floyd County Public Schools



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### **How Do I Know If My Child May Benefit From Early Intervention Services?**

The early years are important to a child's development and no two children develop at the same rate. Help is available to all eligible children ages 3 to 5 years old through public school early intervention preschool programs.

Most preschoolers should be able to perform the following age-appropriate skills:

#### **Age 3**

- Responds to simple directions
- Is potty trained
- Jumps in place
- Points to 3 colors
- Draws a circle
- Runs

#### **Age 4**

- Counts four objects
- Climbs stairs independently
- Names four basic colors
- Knows age and full name
- Plays with other children
- Tells a story
- Completes simple puzzles

#### **Age 5**

- Carries on a conversation
- Recites the alphabet
- Uses scissors
- Recognizes own printed name
- Dresses self
- Bounces and catches large ball

### **If I Think My Child May Have Developmental Delays, What Should I Do?**

Contact Children's Academy Early Learning Center at 812-542-5506 to request an educational evaluation when your child is between the ages of 3 to 5 years old.

If your child is under the age of three, he or she may be eligible for other early intervention programs. For more information, contact First Steps at 1-800-941-2450.

### **What Determines Eligibility for Preschool Intervention?**

A multidisciplinary educational evaluation will be performed by the NAFCS Early Intervention Specialists. Following this evaluation, a Case Conference Committee that includes parents, a school representative, and early intervention specialists will determine special education eligibility. If the child is found eligible for services, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), outlining the services a child will need to succeed will be created. The following are disabling conditions for eligibility:

- **Developmental Delay**
- **Language or Speech Impairment**
- **Autism Spectrum Disorder**
- **Blind or Low Vision**
- **Deaf or Hard of Hearing**
- **Cognitive Disability**
- **Emotional Disability**
- **Multiple Disabilities**
- **Orthopedic Impairment**
- **Other Health Impairment**
- **Specific Learning Disability**
- **Traumatic Brain Injury**

### **What Services Will Be Provided By Public Schools?**

Following the Case Conference where the Individual Education Plan (IEP) is developed, the following services may be available with appropriate eligibility:

- Early Intervention Preschool
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational and/or Physical Therapy
- Other available services: nurse, vision and hearing specialists

### **What Programs Are Available Through the Public School System?**

Following the development of the IEP, with consideration to the least restrictive environment, services may be provided in one of the following settings:

- Early intervention classrooms located at the Early Learning Center
- Collaboration with Floyd County Head Start
- Walk-in Speech Therapy program

### **Does My Child Have Any Legal Rights?**

Yes. Children have the right to access special education services. Although schools are required to provide services to eligible children, parents are not required to enroll a preschool aged child in a special education program. Parents will be provided a copy of their legal rights at the time their child is referred for an evaluation.

### **For More Information Contact:**

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