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Dear Childcare Provider:

I'm writing to give you information about services available to children in your local area through the Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA), the North Carolina Early Intervention Program. CDSAs are the local lead agencies for Early Intervention in the State of North Carolina. We provide services to children from birth to three years old who qualify based on developmental delays or an established condition such as Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy or other conditions that lead to delays in development.

Services provided through our agency include but are not limited to:

- Case management\*
- Evaluations/Assessments\*
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Special Instruction/Community Based Rehabilitative Services

\*Services provided at no out-of-pocket cost to families

Benefits of children enrolling with the CDSA include:

- Protection of federally mandated family rights
- Services provided in the Natural Environment (including their home and childcare)
- Focus on family priorities
- No child is denied services based on insurance coverage or lack of coverage
- Services are offered on a sliding fee
- Anybody can refer a child including parents

We ask that you speak to families before referring any child that you suspect may have a developmental delay or whose parents have expressed concerns for their child's development, to the NC Early Intervention Program. The referral form can be found here: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/nc-itep-referral-formdocx-0>

Once a referral is received by our intake coordinator, a team member will contact the parent to discuss interest in our program and schedule an evaluation/assessment to determine if the child is eligible for our program.

You can find out more about our program including the contact information for your local CDSA at the North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program website: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/itep-beearly>.

Sincerely,

Tawnya Rayman, Director, CDSA of the Cape Fear

Find your CDSA:



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