



## **A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS OF NEWLY-DIAGNOSED INFANTS AND TODDLERS**

Learning that your child has a disability is never easy. What should be easy is getting the supports and services that will help your family and your child's growth in all areas.

Did you know that there are many services that can support your child's health, well-being, and development?

- **Medical Assistance:** Medicaid, also called Medical Assistance or "MA", pays for needed physical and behavioral health services. In Pennsylvania, most children with serious disabilities qualify regardless of family income, even if they have other health insurance. These services are free of charge to families. Call your County Assistance Office to enroll, and let them know your child has a disability.
- **Early Intervention:** Early Intervention is a system of services that helps babies and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities learn important skills. To enroll your child in Early Intervention Services, call your county Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Office or Early Intervention Office.
- **Protection and Advocacy Services:** Disability Rights Pennsylvania helps make sure children get these and other disability-related services. If you have problems getting the services your child needs,

or need more information, we are here to help. Please contact us at 1-800-692-7443 or 1-877-375-7139 (TDD) or email: [intake@disabilityrightspa.org](mailto:intake@disabilityrightspa.org).

## **Contact Information**

If you need more information or need help, please contact Disability Rights Pennsylvania (DRP) at 800-692-7443 (voice) or 877-375-7139 (TDD). The email address is: [intake@drnpa.org](mailto:intake@drnpa.org).

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