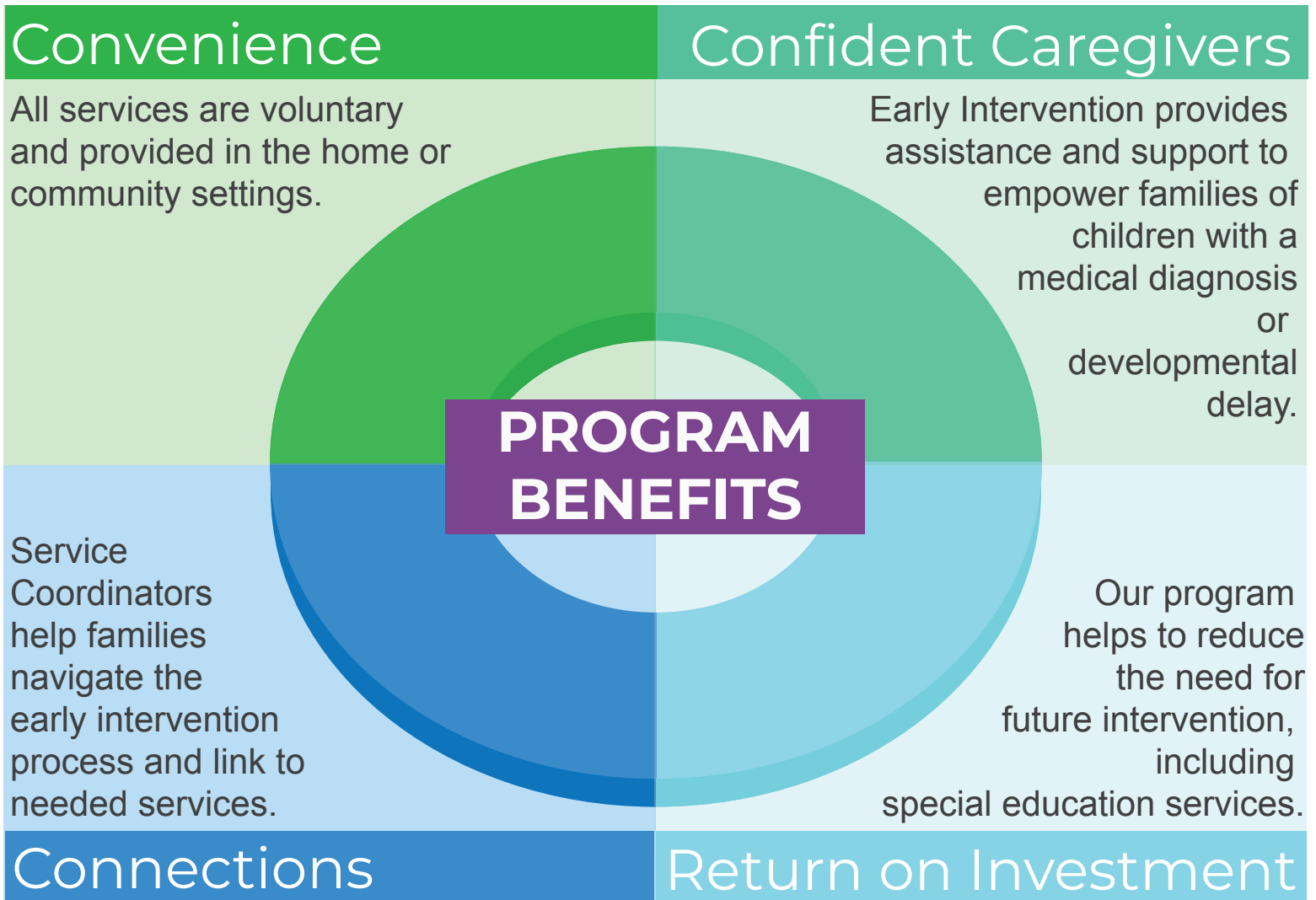


EARLY INTERVENTION

In Cuyahoga County, Early Intervention services and therapies are delivered through an Evidence-Based Early Intervention approach that includes a Service Coordinator and Primary Service Provider as part of an Early Intervention team.



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HOW DO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES WORK IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY?

1

A CHILD IS REFERRED FOR SERVICES

Children birth to age three who have a diagnosed medical condition and children with a documented developmental delay or developmental concern should be referred.

2

ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED AND A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED

Information from medical reports, parent interviews, developmental evaluations, and assessments are used to determine if a child is eligible and in need of one or more early intervention services.

3

ASSIGNMENT TO AN EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM

The Early Intervention team consists of the family, the Service Coordinator or Social Work Service Coordinator from Bright Beginnings, and at least one: occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech-language pathologist and developmental specialist (usually all from Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities), and an Early Childhood Mental Health Therapist, funded by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County. Other specialists may be added as needed. One of these individuals will be the Primary Service Provider.

4

SERVICES PROVIDED TO AGE THREE

The Service Coordinator and Primary Service Provider will work with the family to determine the best strategies to achieve the goals they have developed for their child.

5

TRANSITION TO PRESCHOOL OR CHILD CARE

The Service Coordinator will provide information about community resources and assist the family with transitioning to a high-quality preschool or child care program at age three.

OUR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

"We accepted the services not knowing what to expect. We had no idea that an angel was about to be sent to our door. You were our sense of normalcy when we were overwhelmed with everything we were going through."

- Parents of twin girls who were born premature and with medical complications

"Thank you for all that you did to help our family when we were so unsure of how to help our son. All of the therapy and the resources that we have utilized have given us the opportunity to get to know our son and there is no greater gift than that."

- Mother of a son diagnosed with Autism

"From the moment the team entered my house on the first day, I was amazed at the quality of services provided to us. What a lucky family we were to have had each person of this amazing team with us through the early part of our son's journey."

- Parents of a son with communication delays who transitioned to his school district's integrated preschool program