

## Eligibility for *Early On*<sup>®</sup>

Eligibility criteria for *Early On* fall under two categories: 1) developmental delay, and 2) established conditions. Children are evaluated by a multidisciplinary team using a comprehensive evaluation. Children are found eligible under developmental delay if they have a delay of 20 percent or 1 standard deviation below the mean in one or more developmental domains. A child is found eligible under established conditions when there is documentation of the diagnosis provided by a health or mental health care provider who is qualified to make the diagnosis.

*Early On* must have clear written evidence that matches one of the eligibility category definitions. Evidence may include test scores, levels on developmental checklists, genetic reports, ophthalmology, or audiology reports. *Early On* uses informed clinical opinion, in addition to the documented evidence, when deciding if the identified conditions for the child and/or family are associated with developmental concern and there is a need for developmental, therapeutic, or educational intervention.

If a child has an established condition, he/she is eligible for *Early On* as long as that diagnosis is current.