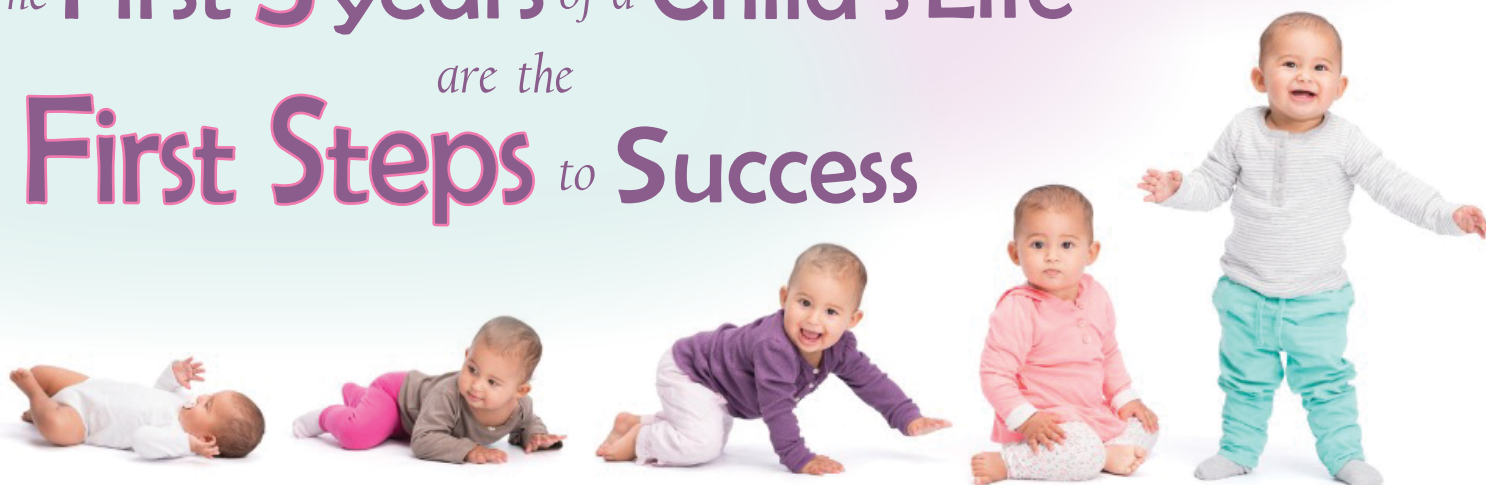


The First 3 years of a Child's Life are the First Steps to Success



Healthy brain development during the first three years of a child's life is critical for beginning a successful journey into adulthood. The Indiana First Steps Early Intervention System helps children by providing skilled therapeutic services for infants and toddlers who are experiencing developmental delays.

Key Findings

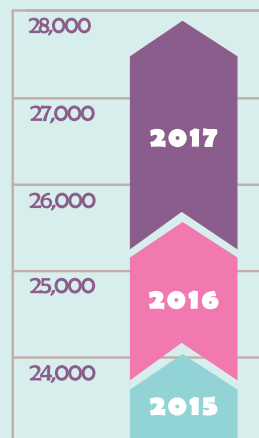
Karoly et al, 2005

1 “Well-designed early childhood interventions have been found to generate a return to society up to \$17.07 for each dollar spent on the program.”

2 “Early childhood intervention programs have been shown to yield benefits in academic achievement, behavior, educational progression and attainment, delinquency and crime, and labor market success, among other domains.”

33% of infants and toddlers who received early intervention services did not later present with a disability or require special education in preschool.

Hebbeler et al, 2007



In 2017, the annual count of children referred to First Steps was

27,971

The number of children referred to the First Steps System has increased by nearly

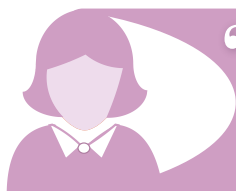
4,000

over the past two years

First Steps Services

Speech Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy
Developmental Therapy
Diagnostic Medical Services
Nursing Services

Nutrition Services
Psychological Services
Service Coordination
Social Work Services
Audiological Services
Vision Services



“As a mom, you don't know where to turn when your child isn't making his milestones, but First Steps is a program that saved my son's life. I don't know where he would be today if it wasn't for this program. I know he has made this amount of progress because of the early start with First Steps that helped him make new path ways in his brain.” - TH (parent)

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