

## Mission Statement

*The mission of DEAP is to provide community-based services which support individuals and families to strengthen their skills and abilities and to enhance care and quality of life.*



## Overview

Part C is a program of early intervention services for children with disabilities ages 0-36 months. Families with children who meet the eligibility criteria established by the state are entitled to a range of services defined under federal law. Services are delivered as part of an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) developed in cooperation with the family. Services available include: Family Support Coordination; Assistive Technology; Audiology; Family Education, Counseling and Home Visits; Nursing; Health Related; Medical; Nutrition; Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy; Psychological; Vision; Social Work; Special Instruction; and Transportation.

## Services

- Evaluation of child's development
- Special instruction and activities to enhance learning
- Information and support in locating other services and resources to address concerns or needs identified by the family
- Coaching to assist families to weave intervention into daily routines so that children have the best chance to learn and retain new skills
- Coordination and consultation with other service providers such as: doctors, therapists, child care providers, etc.

## Eligibility

- Any child who is born with an established condition that is known to cause developmental delays, even if the delay does not currently exist, such as:
  - Genetic disorders
  - Infectious disease
  - Neurological disorders
  - Congenital syndromes
  - Visual/auditory impairments
  - Prenatal exposure to toxic substances
- Any child who is experiencing a delay of 50% in one developmental area or 25% in two or more areas

## Referrals

- Family must approve
- Family members, medical personnel, school personnel, day care providers, and others involved in the child's development may make a referral by calling the Miles City office and speaking to the Intake Coordinator

## Providing the Big Picture

The Part C Early Intervention Program is a family-centered program for children from birth to three years of age who may need help in one or more of the following areas of development:

- *Language*
- *Movement*
- *Problem Solving*
- *Hearing*
- *Vision*
- *Feeding*
- *Dressing*
- *Behavior*

