

YOUR ROLE AS A PARENT

Parents actively participate to:

- identify activities, and learning opportunities your child and family enjoy,
- try out some of the practices talked about with your family
- decide which practices work or what needs to be done differently

We know from research that a parent's responsiveness to their child is the key to improving child development.

WHAT'S A PRIMARY COACH?

A Primary Coach will be assigned to work with your family & child. They will visit regularly to:

- Explore activities, learning opportunities, and practices with the parent,
- Try out some of the practices talked about with the family
- Find out what practices work, as well as what might be thought about differently
- Determine if support from another team member is needed to meet the needs of the child/family.

WHAT IS BIRTH TO 3?

The first three years are the most important building blocks of a child's future. The Birth to 3 Program supports families of children with developmental delays or disabilities under the age of three. All families want their children to grow to their fullest potential, especially during this formative time. Some children who have developmental delays or disabilities need extra support. One way this support is provided is through early intervention. Wisconsin's early intervention program is known as Birth to 3.

Birth to 3 staff are trained in assessing the development, strengths, and needs of very young children, and determine, along with their parents, if a child is eligible for the program. Once a child is enrolled, families work in partnership with staff to determine which services will best support their child's ability to grow, learn, and communicate.

- **Developmental Screenings**
- **Developmental Evaluations**
- **Child & Family Education**
- **Speech & Language Therapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Physical Therapy**
- **Community Information**
- **Related Health Services**
- **Service Coordination**

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MEET YOUR PIERCE COUNTY BIRTH TO 3 TEAM



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MEET YOUR COUNTY BIRTH TO 3 TEAM

YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A FULL TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS

The Primary Coach Approach to Teaming ensures that all families have a team of professionals, including an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, a Speech and Language Pathologist, & Service Coordinator.

THE TEAM SUPPORTS THE PRIMARY COACH BY:

- attending team meetings to discuss your child's needs
- sharing professional strategies with your child's primary coach
- attending as-needed visits with the primary coach for additional support
- attending joint (IFSP) Individualized Family Service Plan meetings



Dianne H-Robinson

MSN, PHN, Service Coordinator

Dianne has been a Public Health Nurse since 1994. For many years, she worked as a Service Coordinator in the Birth to 3 Program as well. Her favorite aspect of the job is working with the children in the Birth to 3 Program.



Margaret Zignego

PT, Physical Therapist

Margaret has vast experience working in Early Intervention and has been a Physical Therapist for many years. She brings great knowledge working with children having complex medical issues; such as torticollis and HIE. Margaret is also adept in doctor-prescribed assistive technology, splints, and orthotics.



Kathy Barrett

OTR/L, Occupational Therapist

Kathy is our (OT) Occupational Therapist and has great experience working in many settings; including schools. She loves working with young children & families. Her professional focus is Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), emotional regulation and getting children outdoors more.



Katrina Loy

MSE-CCC, Speech/Language Pathologist

Katrina has been working in Early Intervention since 2008. She has great experience working with children having many kinds of speech and language needs.

Katrina has specialized training in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), assisting children with autism, and using the (PECS) Picture Exchange Communication System.



Lisa Olson

BS-Education, Service Coordinator

Prior to Birth to 3, Lisa taught in a juvenile prison for over 10 years and has several years of Special Education knowledge. Lisa has been able to teach students of all ages, with a wide range of abilities. She is now grateful to have the chance to assist children at the beginning of their life's journey.



Katie Marshall

MSE-CCC, Speech/Language Pathologist

Katie is a Speech and Language Pathologist for Birth to 3. Katie is specialized in Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) feeding, Prompts for Restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets (PROMPT), as well as the Primary Coach Approach to Teaming practice we use in our Birth to 3 Program.



Nichole Larson

BS-Early Childhood Special Education

Nichole is an Early Childhood Special Education teacher. She is trained as an Autism Specialist, has taught "Positive Solutions for Families" parenting class for several years, and loves working with children.