



Are you concerned about your child's development?

While all young children grow and change at their own rate, some children experience delays in their development. Special health conditions may affect children's development, too. Accessing early intervention services as early as possible will ensure the best developmental outcomes for these children.

[Help Me Grow: Referral Information](#)

Help Me Grow is an interagency initiative of the State of Minnesota (Departments of Education, Health and Human Services) partnering with local service agencies to provide resources about the development of young children for parents and professionals.

These resources include information on developmental milestones, YouTube videos, caregiver strategies to support development, screening and evaluation, and how to talk about developmental concerns.

Parents can request an educational evaluation if they have concerns about their child's development. Evaluations are provided by the school district, with no direct cost to the family. Referral is the first step of the Early Childhood Special Education process. When a referral is made, an ECSE teacher will discuss the concerns with you. If concerns persist, an evaluation will be developed to determine your child's eligibility and specific needs.

If you have concerns about your child's development, please contact:

- Birth-2 years: Contact Joanna Cochran by phone or text at 763-274-9543 or by email at jcochran@mawseco.k12.mn.us
- 3-6 years: Contact Sue Hadler by phone at 320-963-7462 or by email at shadler@mawseco.k12.mn.us
- Your child's health care provider or call 1-866-693-4769 to talk to a professional and find out ways in which you can get connected to various resources in Minnesota.