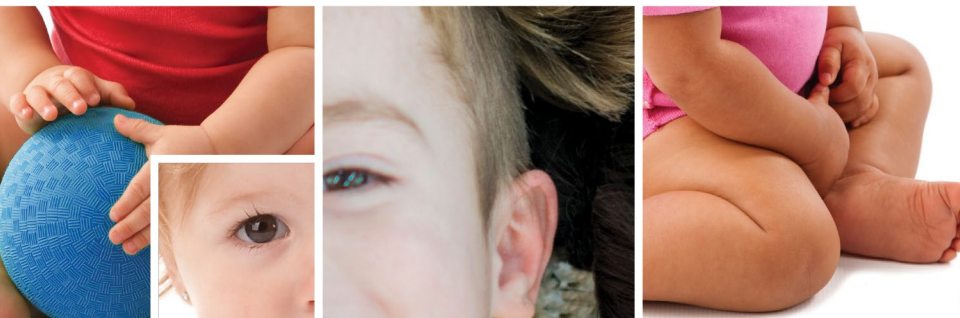


# CONCERNED

## About Lead Exposure?

**ACT EARLY AND REFER TO OHIO EARLY INTERVENTION**



### **EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF LEAD IS DANGEROUS TO A CHILD.**

Children under the age of 3 are at the greatest risk of lead poisoning because:

- Their brains and bodies are developing quickly,
- They absorb lead more easily than adults, and
- They are more likely to be crawling on floors and putting their hands and other objects in their mouths that have come into contact with lead dust.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR CHILD HAS AN ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL (EBLL)?**

If your child's blood lead level is 5 mcg/dL or higher, your child is automatically eligible for Early Intervention. Ohio Early Intervention (EI) works with families with children birth to age 3 who have elevated blood lead levels so they can have the best possible start in life. Early Intervention professionals work with you and your child to identify strengths and needs and address concerns as early as possible, with services right where you live, play, and spend your day.



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# How Early Intervention Can Help

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NEXT?

If your child has a confirmed elevated blood lead level of 5 mcg/dL or higher or developmental concerns, you or your healthcare provider can refer to Early Intervention right away. The process is simple.

## TO MAKE A REFERRAL

Contact **1-800-755-GROW** or visit **[www.OhioEarlyIntervention.org](http://www.OhioEarlyIntervention.org)**.

## HOW EARLY INTERVENTION CAN HELP

Early Intervention can support families with children with elevated blood lead levels by:

- Connecting you to resources to get rid of lead and find safe housing;
- Supporting your family in improving your child's natural learning environment where your child lives and plays;
- Helping you manage your child's behaviors and physical health concerns;
- Supporting your child's healthy nutrition, hygiene, development, and learning needs; and
- Helping you find pre-K or other services when your child transitions out of Early Intervention.

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## REMEMBER, ACT EARLY

**to make sure your child has the best possible start in life.**



Ohio Early Intervention is part of the Help Me Grow system of supports (**[www.HelpMeGrow.org](http://www.HelpMeGrow.org)**).



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