

# ELIGIBILITY

## ages 3 to 5



As children grow and develop, so do their needs. The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) is proud to promote opportunities and empower families as they meet the needs of their young children and make choices for the future.

### How does a child receive MCBDD services?

Guidelines for eligibility are set by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). Generally speaking, 3 to 5 year old children are eligible for MCBDD services if they have at least **two** areas of significant delay reported by the Evaluation Team Report - provided by your local school district - or other supporting documentation.

### Who is eligible?

A child must go through an eligibility process to be considered for MCBDD services. Our Eligibility Specialists will help you through this process, answer any questions, and help you complete the needed forms. An Eligibility Specialist may be contacted at 330-725-7751, option 2.

### When will you know if a child is eligible?

Once all forms are completed and the Evaluation Team Report is reviewed, you will receive a letter - within 45 days - letting you know if your child is eligible for MCBDD services.

If you receive a letter that your child is NOT eligible for MCBDD services, we will recommend other possible help and support for you. You may also appeal your eligibility decision. An Eligibility Specialist will provide you with information on how to use the appeal process.

*Keep in mind, the state requires eligibility to be redetermined at age 6, but it may occur at any time to make sure your child continues to receive the support he/she needs.*

If found eligible, MCBDD Service and Support Administration (SSA) staff will work with families to identify, find, and connect children and families to community resources and services as needed. These may include the following:

**Preschool Programs** - connections to specialized programs which include developmentally appropriate activities to meet the needs of young children with disabilities.

**Support Groups and Training** - opportunities for families and caregivers to increase knowledge and make connections.

**Social/Recreation Programs** - opportunities to develop social skills and participate in activities within our community.

**Family Support Services (FSS)** - limited financial support, based on income, to help families care for their young child with disabilities at home.

**Therapies** - help in finding needed physical, occupational and speech therapies for children.

**Assistive Technology** - devices used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of a child with a disability.

Your Service and Support Administrator will also work with your local school district to support you through the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process, and help you address living skills, transition planning, health and behavioral concerns.



Our mission is to promote and empower individuals with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and socialize as citizens in the community.