The Early Development Network includes CNSSP Early Childhood Special Education Programs, St. Francis Medical Center Services Coordination, and other community organizations that work with children and their families.

Mission Statement

The mission of the CNSSP Early Childhood Special Education Program is to enhance the development of children with disabilities by providing an array of family-centered services to meet their individual needs.

Belief Statements

The family is the primary influence on a child's development.

Family Participation is essential for program effectiveness, therefore the program is responsive to the needs of the child and family.

Family diversity is recognized and respected.

All areas of a child's development are interdependent.

An interdisciplinary model in the least restrictive environment is best to meet the needs of the child and family.

Collaboration with other community services is essential.

Best practices are supported in the pursuit of exemplary services.

Central Nebraska Support Service Program

CNSSP

With the Grand Island Public Schools as the sponsoring agency, the CNSSP provides special education and related services to students in 14 school districts in Hall, Howard and Merrick Counties. Some 2100 students from birth to age 21 are served within a year.

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LIFELONG LEARNING... STARTS WITH LEARNING FROM LIFE.

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Questions about your child's development?
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Ordinary moments become extraordinary learning opportunities

Children learn by participating in daily activities such as:

-Mealtime -Bed time

-Bath time -Play time

A child's play is their work!

Just as your child gains weight and grows, there are developmental milestones for when and how they play, talk, move and learn.

Every day a child's life involves family and community experiences that support learning and development.

Developmental Milestones

5 yrs - Speech is understood 80-90% of the time

4 yrs -Uses four-five word phrases to share Ideas and thoughts.

3 yrs -Shows affection for playmates

24 months -Builds tower of four or more blocks.

18 months -Says single-words and some phrases

12 months -Explores objects in different ways (bangs & shakes)

7 months -Rolls both ways and sits without support

3 months -Raises head and chest when lying on stomach

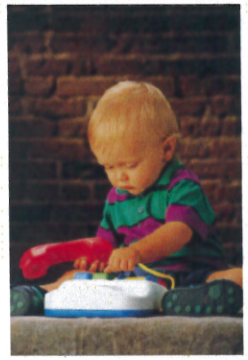
Do you have questions about your child's development?

The earlier a delay is recognized, the more you can do To help your child reach their full potential.

The Early Development Network offers a wide-range of services to support your child's development. This includes but is not limited to informing you of development expectations, community resources, and program eligibility.

If your child qualifies for services from The Early Development Team, one member Of the team will be your primary coach.

The Primary Coach will assist you in recognizing what you are already doing that promotes learning for your child. The Primary Coach will help you discover new learning opportunities based on your child's interests and strenghths in your family's daily activities.



Your child's team may include:

~ Speech Language Pathologist

~ Occupational Therapist

~ Physical Therapist

~ Early Childhood Specialist

~ School Psychologist

~ Services Coordinator

~ Other specialists as needed

Family members are an important part of the team. The team will work together to promote your child's development.