

First Steps Mission Statement:

First Steps is a support and service system designed to improve family capacity to enhance their child's development and learning and to increase the child's participation in family and community life.

The First Steps program believes:

Families are Decision Makers and the Child's First Teacher

Effective Services are Designed Around and Promote Family Strengths

Effective Services are Culturally Competent

Effective Services are Provided in the Context of
the Child's and Family's Natural Routines

Effective Services are Provided in
Natural Environments

Services and Supports are Individualized

Competent Providers Focus on
Family Competence

Early Identification and Family Engagement
are Critical to Early Intervention



Welcome to the *First Steps* Early Intervention System!