



There are Two Ways to Make a Referral to Missouri First Steps:

- Call **866-583-2392** to be connected to the System Point of Entry (SPOE) in your area
- Make an online referral at <https://www.mofirststeps.com>



Missouri First Steps Eligibility Criteria:

Children between the ages of birth and 36 months may be eligible for First Steps if they have been determined to have:

1. A newborn condition or diagnosed medical condition associated with developmental disabilities

OR

2. A half age developmental delay identified in one or more of the following areas:

- cognitive development
- communication development
- adaptive development
- physical development, including vision and hearing
- social or emotional development

Missouri First Steps

Early intervention services to assist families with the necessary supports, services and resources they need to raise healthy, happy and successful children.



For a complete copy of the First Steps eligibility criteria, visit: <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-fs-eligibility-criteria.pdf>

Referral Considerations:

- How long have you been visiting the child?
- What is your concern related to the child’s development?
- Does the family have a concern?
- Are there cultural or demographic factors influencing the child’s development?
- Has the family tried activities you facilitated with them?