

SoonerStart/Early Intervention

This is an early intervention program, through the health department that is designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers, up to age 3, that have disabilities and developmental delays. Services are offered at no charge to the families and can be offered in their home or day care. Services include:

- Diagnostic and evaluation services
- Case management
- Family training, counseling, and home visits
- Certain health services
- Nursing services
- Nutrition services
- Occupational, physical and speech-language therapy
- Special instruction

A Better Chance

A program for infants and children, through age 6, who were exposed to drugs and/or alcohol before birth, as they are considered at high risk with regards to their future development. It is offered through the Child Study Center at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Services will be offered regardless of ability to pay, but if available, insurance will be billed. Services include:

- Comprehensive developmental evaluations to children with prenatal substance exposure from birth through 6 years of age
- Information and guidance to families who are caring for high-risk infants/children
- Support to families and caregivers
- Specialized interventions such as infant massage and behavior management
- Services to aid in adoption or family reunification
- Coordination with other programs and agencies in the community to enhance services to infants/children and families
- Consultation and training to professionals/agencies working with this special population