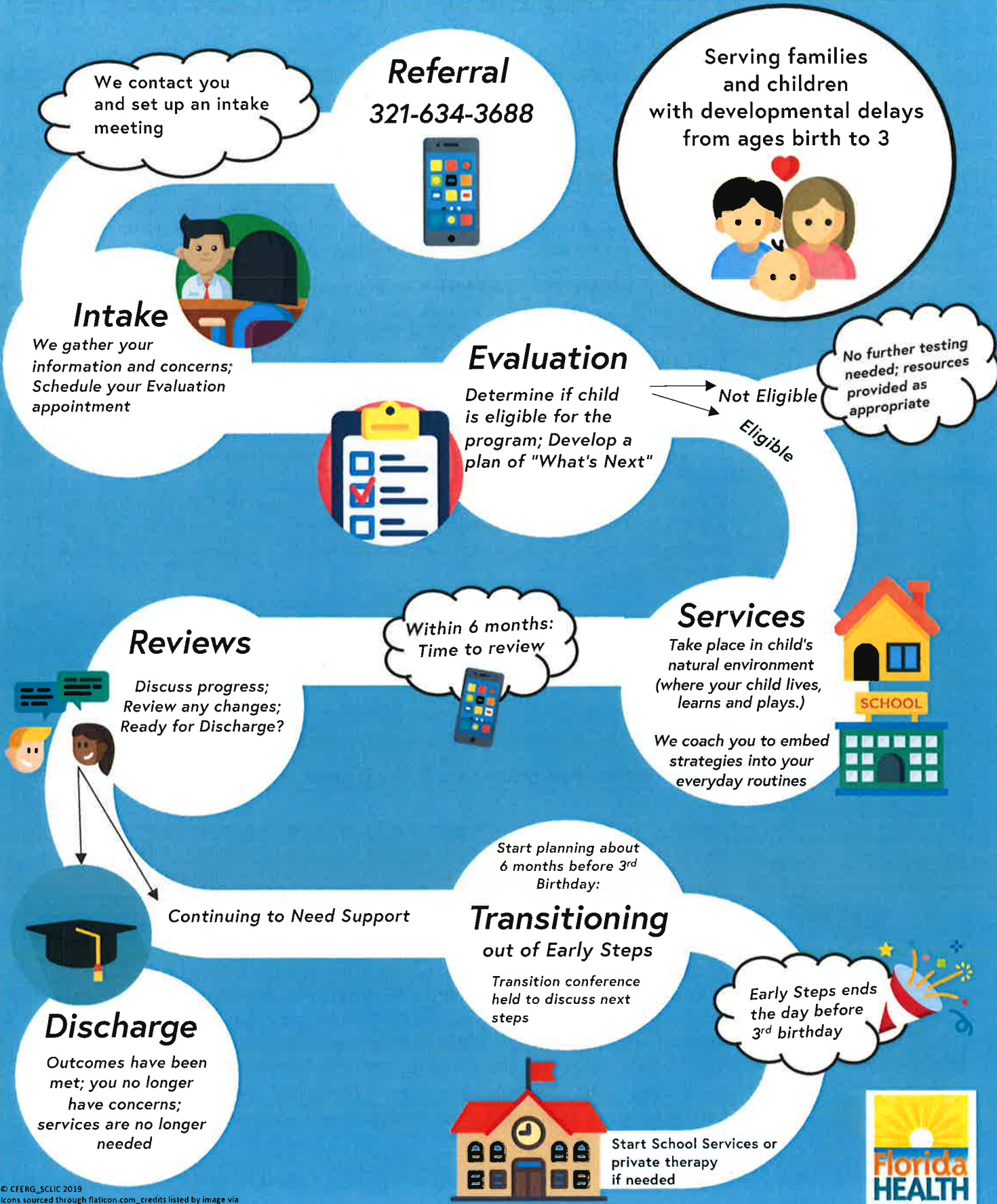


The Road Through Early Steps





What does Early Intervention look like?

WHO WE ARE AND WHO WE SERVE



Early Steps is Florida's early intervention system that offers services to eligible infants and toddlers (birth to thirty-six months) with significant delays, an at-risk condition, or a condition likely to result in a developmental delay. Early Intervention is provided to support families and caregivers in developing the confidence to help their child learn and develop.

WE ARE A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM. You may have been referred to us by your pediatrician or caregiver. If you do not currently have developmental concerns, you are welcome to call us back prior to age three if you may need our help : **321-634-3688**.

How are children eligible for Early Intervention Services?



Eligibility for early intervention services for children that do not have an *established condition or at-risk condition* is based on an evaluation of your child's skills and abilities using standardized testing, observations, and input from caregivers.

Please refer to the back of this handout to view the progression of a child in our program.

What do services look like if your child is eligible?



If your child is found eligible, your family and the evaluation team will help you develop outcomes: areas of concern that would you like early steps to help. Based on your outcomes a type of provider will be identified and you will get a service plan. Once your service plan begins, your provider will develop visits with you based on a method called a coaching model.

A Coaching Model is used by providers during early intervention visits to help parents develop their abilities to interact with their children in ways that support their child's development. Coaching can be used during natural family routines as a way to help families identify strategies, practice them during visits, reflect on their interactions with their children, problem solve challenges, and receive supportive feedback. Parent or caregiver participation in our visits are essential and proven to produce best outcomes.

