

What to expect...

- **Consistency** - Our staff will always try to maintain a consistent schedule. We understand that consistency is not only helpful for your child but also helpful for you!
- **Questions** - We will ask questions about your child and their progress. We will also ask you about your priorities and what is important for your child and family. We want to support you!
- **Trying new things** - We will model different activities and give suggestions or ideas about how you can help your child meet their goals. Don't worry, we will also help you find ways to do the activities during your daily routines!
- **Listening and learning together** - We understand that you are the expert on your child and are excited to have you be a part of the visits so we can learn more about your child and family.



Developmental Therapy will be provided by:

(Developmental Therapist Name)

(Phone Number)

Have questions or
concerns?
Let us know!



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 **BRIDGES**

Early Intervention Resource Agency

*Maximizing development by
empowering families and supporting
young children from birth to age 3.*

What is the BRIDGES program?

The BRIDGES Early Intervention Resource Agency was established in 2016 to help support families, caregivers and children with developmental needs birth to three years old. We are under contract with the Department of Education (DOE) and Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS) to serve counties in the Upper Cumberland region.



What is Home-Based Developmental Therapy?

- **It's team work** - We know that collaboration is important, so families and staff members work together.
- **It's communication** - We encourage families to tell us what goals are most important for their child.
- **It's learning** - Our staff will model activities to help a child grow and develop.
- **It's support** - We are there to support the family, not just the child.
- **It's flexible** - Our program is designed to meet families needs. Visits can be scheduled at home, child care, or any other natural setting for the child.
- **It's FREE!** - We use toys and other safe items that you have already in your home.



How do you get Home-Based Developmental Therapy?

A referral must be made to TEIS. Anyone can make a referral, just call 1-800-852-7157

TEIS will set up an evaluation to help determine if the child is eligible.

If the child is eligible, then TEIS will assign a Service Coordinator to the family. The Service Coordinator will help the family decide on the first set of goals and set up Developmental Therapy if needed.

If the family and Service Coordinator decide Developmental Therapy is needed, the Service Coordinator will contact the appropriate program.

Once a Service Coordinator contacts us, we will assign one of our BRIDGES staff members to your family. Our Developmental Therapist will contact you and set up your first visit.



Building
Relationships during
Intervention and
Daily routines utilizing
Growth
Enhancing
Strategies