

HIGH RISK FACTORS

- An infant or toddler with a combination of two or more of the following factors that requires early start services based on evaluation and assessment:
 - ◆ Prematurity of less than 32 weeks gestation and/or low birth weight of less than 1500 grams.
 - ◆ Assisted ventilation for 48 hours or longer during the first 28 days of life.
 - ◆ Small for gestational age: below the third percentile on the National Center for Health Statistics growth charts.
 - ◆ Asphyxia neonatorum associated with a five minute Apgar score of 0 to 5.
 - ◆ Severe and persistent metabolic abnormality, including but not limited to hypoglycemia, acidemia, and hyperbilirubinemia in excess of the usual exchange transfusion level.
 - ◆ Neonatal seizures or nonfebrile seizures during the first three years of life.
 - ◆ Central nervous system lesion or abnormality.
 - ◆ Central nervous system infection.
 - ◆ Biomedical insult including, but not limited to, injury, accident, or illness which may seriously or permanently affect developmental outcome.
 - ◆ Multiple congenital anomalies or genetic disorders which may affect developmental outcome.
 - ◆ Prenatal exposure to known teratogens.
 - ◆ Prenatal substance exposure, positive infant neonatal toxicology screen or symptomatic neonatal toxicity or withdrawal.
 - ◆ Clinically significant failure to thrive (weight persistently below the 3% for age on standard growth charts or less than 85% of the ideal weight for age and/or acute weight loss or failure to gain weight with the loss of 2 or more major % on the growth curve).
 - ◆ Persistent hypotonia or hypertonia, beyond that otherwise associated with a known diagnostic condition.

