

## PACE Program Philosophy

PACE Services adhere to the Seven Key Principles for Providing Early Intervention Services in Natural Environments, which correspond with the State of Ohio's fundamentals of Early Intervention. These include:

1. Infants and toddlers learn best through everyday experiences and interactions with familiar people in familiar contexts.
2. All families, with the necessary supports and resources, can enhance their children's learning and development.
3. The primary role of a service provider in Early Intervention is to work with and support family members and caregivers in children's lives.
4. The Early Intervention process, from initial contacts through transition, must be dynamic and individualized to reflect the child's and family members' preferences, learning styles and cultural beliefs.
5. Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) outcomes must be functional and based on children's and families' needs and family-identified priorities.
6. The family's priorities, needs and interests are addressed most appropriately by a primary provider who represents and receives team and community support.
7. Interventions with young children and family members must be based on explicit principles, validated practices, best available research, and relevant laws and regulations.

*Workgroup on Principles and Practices in Natural Environments: Susan Addision et al, 2008.*

## Do you have questions about the PACE Program?

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The PACE Program is administered through the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services

*The Mission of the PACE Program is to help infants and toddlers who are at established risk for their development reach their potential.*



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## Parent and Child Enrichment Program (PACE)



## Early Intervention Services



**Board of Developmental Disabilities Services**

## PACE Early Intervention Services

The Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities' **Parent and Child Enrichment (PACE) Program** provides Early Intervention services to eligible children using a proven adult coaching approach. Coaching is a supportive process where a primary service provider offers observation and feedback to guide families and caregivers in ways to adjust interactions with the child to enhance their development.

The Primary Service Provider coaches based on functional strategies that can be easily incorporated into the child's daily routine, with the goal of achieving outcomes identified on the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

## Your Family's Team

A **Developmental Specialist** will be the Primary Service Provider for your family. Other team members supporting your family include an Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech and Language Pathologist, Pediatric Nurse, and a Help Me Grow Service Coordinator. The Primary Service Provider is coached by the entire team so each family has a full team supporting them.

**"The PACE Program gave us encouragement and wonderful suggestions to help our daughter develop. She is thriving now!"**

- quote from a PACE Parent

## Eligibility

Infants and toddlers under the age of three who are residents of Montgomery County *and* have been determined eligible by Ohio's standards for developmental services through Help Me Grow are eligible for PACE services. The results of a developmental evaluation or the informed clinical opinion of an evaluation team member must indicate a delay in at least of one of the following areas and a need for Early Intervention services:

- Communication
- Social/Emotional
- Adaptive Skills
- Motor
- Vision, hearing and/or medical status that involves a need for Early Intervention services

## How do I get started in the PACE Program?

All referrals for PACE Early Intervention Services come from a Montgomery County Help Me Grow Service Coordinator. Please call **937.208.GROW** to begin the eligibility process for Early Intervention services.



## NO Cost for Services

There is **NO out-of-pocket cost to families** for PACE Early Intervention services. The PACE Program is funded through local, state and federal tax dollars. Local dollars are provided through the Montgomery County Human Services Levy.

## Location of PACE Services

**Services are offered in natural settings** of infants and toddlers, such as homes and daycares, to the greatest extent appropriate.

## Days/Hours of PACE Services

PACE Services are provided Monday through Friday **from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The PACE Program is offered year-round and is closed on federal holidays.

**"Staff showed genuine happiness in our child's growth, which made us feel as though he was seen as an individual person and not just another child."**

- quote from a PACE Parent