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What FBC's Infant Services can do for your child and your family:



Benefits

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For children with visual impairment, it is important that early identification, treatment, and educational intervention begin immediately because of their unique learning needs.

Our focus is to provide informational, instructional and emotional support to help families understand ways to create opportunities for learning at this critical age and throughout the life of their child, despite limited visual ability.

We assist families in helping their child develop all senses by encouraging touching, listening, smelling, looking, and moving through the environment to build a foundation for future learning and participation in family life.

Services

- **Developmental Specialists** trained to work with the special learning needs of children with visual impairments
- **Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments** to evaluate visual strengths and needs through a Functional Vision Assessment
- **Orientation and Mobility Specialists** to assist with safe mobility and independence
- **Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapists**
- **Service Coordination** provided for children who are eligible for ASDB only



Home Visits

Services to families and children are provided in the **natural environment** of the child and family, such as the home or day care center.

Home visits are typically 1 hour and are tailored to the needs of each family based on their **Individualized Family Service Plan**.

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