**Birth to Three**

Children begin learning from the time they are born. Children use their motor skills to interact with and learn from the people and things in the world around them. Consequently, any delay or difficulty in the development of an infant's sensory and motor skills impact all areas of learning.

Birth to three services are usually provided in the home or daycare which is the natural environment for children in this age group. Home visiting utilizes a family based approach to meet the child's needs, and provides caregivers with information, strategies, and supports that can be implemented in daily routines.

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**Qualifications . . .**

Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists who work in schools

- Possess a degree in Occupational or Physical Therapy from an approved and accredited program;
- PTs maintain current license from the MN Board of Physical Therapy; and
- OTs maintain current license from the MN Department of Health and maintain certification from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.

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**MN Regions 5 & 7**

Benton-Stearns Education District
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose
Elk River Area Schools
Freshwater Education District
Little Falls Community Schools
Meeker-Wright Special Education Cooperative
Mid-State Educational District
Northland Community School
Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative
Rum River Special Education Cooperative
Sherburne Northern Wright Special Education Cooperative
St. Cloud Area School District
St. Croix River Education District
West Central Education District

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**References**


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Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT) are related services in educational settings

To receive OT or PT in schools, students must first qualify for special education and then secondly demonstrate needs as determined by the educational team.