



The Direct Home Services Program (DHSP) is a voluntary, family centered, home based, early intervention program for children from birth to school entry. Our team consists of Child Management Specialists (CMS) who are specially trained professionals who work with caregivers to design and implement skill teaching and behavioral programs for children, as well as coach caregivers in how to implement programming with their child.

### **Program Eligibility:**

Children are eligible for the DHSP if:

- They show delays in one or more of the following areas of development: physical, self-help, social-emotional, cognitive or communication, based on developmental assessment completed by a CMS
- OR is at risk for a developmental delay
- AND parents/caregivers are willing to participate in services

### **How can we help?**

A CMS will typically meet with you and your child once a week for the first six months. Visits will take place in your home or by virtual means, based upon the needs of your family and child. The length of involvement in the DHSP depends largely on your child and family needs.

Our service focuses on the whole family, not just your child. You play the most important role in your child's development so your participation in visits and programming is vital to your child's success.

We can help you and your child by:

- Identifying ways to build on your child's development
- Supporting, advocating for and empowering parents/caregivers
- Providing information and education on various teaching strategies

### **The Incredible Years**

The Incredible Years Parent Group supports whole family functioning and building positive family relationships through parents learning new skills to manage their child's challenging behaviors.

We offer parents two different groups several times a year, based on the age of your child:

- Toddler (1-3 years, 12 week session)
- Preschool (3 yrs to school age, 16 week session)

### **Contact Information**

For further inquiries regarding the DHSP or to make a referral, you may call:

Eastern Urban (709) 752-4350 / Rural Avalon: (709) 759-3379 / Peninsulas & Clarenville (709) 229-1564