Follow Along Program

What is it?  A program supported by the MN Department of Health for the periodic monitoring and assessment of infants and toddlers at risk for developmental problems such as children who are identified in Newborn Metabolic and Hearing Screening.

Purpose?  Early Identification to prevent the onset or reduce the impact of secondary complications and for parental support/education.

How does it work?  Families are enrolled with a home visit or phone call by local public health and receive ASQ’s (Ages and Stages Questionnaires) about every 4 months until 36 months of age.

What happens if a problem is noted?  The family is contacted and options are discussed for evaluation or follow-up such as early intervention.

What does it cost?  There is no charge to families.

Who do I contact?  The public health agency in the child’s county or call the MCSHN (MN Children with Special Health Needs) Information and Assistance line at 651-215-8956 or 1-800-728-5420 for the name of the local agency.