

## Emma's Family Story

Emma is a 30 month old little girl who was referred due to concerns about her language development. She lives with her mom and 6 year old brother. Her mom does not have many supports in her life, other than a boyfriend and a sister who is in and out of jail. Emma's mom works part time and Emma is cared for by the boyfriend, who receives disability. Emma's mom wants her to be able to talk instead of using behaviors as a means of communication. Emma uses about 20 single words and is struggling with making her needs known. If her mom can't understand her, Emma usually gets aggressive and hits or bites her mom. Emma's mom would like her to attend a playgroup so she can play with other children her age. Throughout the assessment process, the Birth to 3 team has been discussing Emma's upcoming transition out of the Birth to 3 program. Emma's mom is really interested in Head Start or whatever programs will help Emma.