

# Easterseals Teletherapy is a Win for Families



Blaire Marie tilted her head and giggled when she saw her Easterseals occupational therapist on the screen for the first time. Before COVID-19 caused many of Easterseals services to shut down, she met with her therapist at daycare. Soon Blaire Marie and her therapist were reunited during Teletherapy.

“I can’t speak highly enough about the Easterseals team,” Stacey, Blaire Marie’s mom, says. “I like Teletherapy because I feel like the therapist is instructing me. I come with questions and the therapist has the solutions.”

Blaire Marie, who was born three months early and diagnosed with cerebral palsy, has been receiving occupational therapy with Easterseals for seven months. When she started, she was not able to sit up, reach for toys or clap. In a short amount of time, Blaire Marie has mastered many of her goals.

“When we received her diagnosis, I was scared because I did not know what was to come,” Stacey says. “The therapist reminds me that Blaire Marie is a bright light in the room.”

In just one month of Blaire Marie receiving Teletherapy. Stacey and, Blaire Marie’s dad, Chris, saw an incredible amount of growth. They noticed Blaire Marie’s ability to hold herself up and feed herself – even if it gets messy sometimes.

“Celebrate what seem like the small milestones to others that are big milestones for your child,” Stacey says. “Focus on what they can do and celebrate that.” Chris adds, “I know Blaire Marie will surprise us with her abilities. Stay positive!”

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