

## WHAT IS SERVICE COORDINATION?

Every child referred to early intervention will be assigned a Service Coordinator to help his or her family better understand the Early Intervention process. The Service Coordinator will contact the family and schedule a home visit to meet the child and family to discuss what the system might have to offer.

After an initial home visit, the Service Coordinator is then responsible to coordinate an evaluation of the child's skills, as well as make referrals to other agencies for developmental therapies if needed.

Service Coordinators also offer a variety of other supports to families participating in Early Intervention.

The Service Coordinator is the person on the Early Intervention team responsible for coordination and monitoring of services to ensure they are properly delivered. The Service Coordinator will stay involved with the family as long as the child is enrolled in Early Intervention.



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## Make a Referral



If you or someone who cares about your child has concerns about his or her development, early intervention services may help. ECCM is the agency in Erie County which is responsible for coordinating birth to age three early intervention services.

You can request a free evaluation at any time to answer questions about your child's development, and determine whether your child may benefit from early intervention services. Other people may also contact ECCM, such as a doctor, childcare provider, neighbor, or family member, on behalf of your family. However, no evaluation of your child or early intervention services will be provided without your consent.

**You may make a referral directly to ECCM by calling 878-1640, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**



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## Early Intervention

### Service Coordination

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## EARLY INTERVENTION

### WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?

Early intervention is based on the belief that the most significant time for identification and treatment of children with developmental delays is during the earliest possible stages of development. Early Interventions services are provided to help to meet the needs of infants and toddlers who may be at risk for developmental delays. The program is a family-centered approach to arranging services for the child while helping parents understand and enhance their child's development.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES?

Any child from birth to 3 years of age can receive early intervention services if he/she displays developmental delays in one or more of the following areas: Speech and Language, Gross or Fine Motor, Cognition, Self-Help, or Social/Emotional development.

### WHAT SERVICES DOES EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDE?

Early Intervention services can include, but not limited to, the following...

SPEECH THERAPY  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
PHYSICAL THERAPY  
SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION  
BEHAVIOR SERVICES  
VISION SERVICES  
AUDIOLOGY  
NUTRITION SERVICES  
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

### WHERE ARE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED?

All services are provided in the child's home or natural environment (i.e. daycare) with a parent or caregiver present.

### WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

There are no direct costs to families for Early Intervention services. These services are mandated by federal and state law and are publicly funded.

### WHO CAN MAKE A REFERRAL TO EARLY INTERVENTION?

Anyone can make a referral to Early Intervention if they have concerns about a child's development. Referrals can be made Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM @ 878-1640.

The following information is helpful when making a referral.

- Child's name, date of birth and address information
- Your name and relationship to the child
- Developmental concern(s)
- Social Security number
- Medical Assistance (ACCESS) information such as recipient and card issue numbers
- Is the family aware of the referral?



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