

WHAT ARE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS?

Early Intervention services can include, among other things, information on how children develop, information on early childhood education, and on therapies which may help your child to move their bodies, to communicate and to learn new concepts. Early Intervention can provide your family with ideas that may help your child at home and in the community. Early Intervention can provide training designed to help you enhance your child's growth and development.

WHAT IS THE FAMILY'S ROLE IN EARLY INTERVENTION?

YOU ARE THE EXPERT ON YOUR CHILD! The dreams, visions and hopes for change that you have for your child and family are uniquely yours. Only you know how these dreams and hopes can make a difference for your family, now and in the future. No one can guarantee that they will come true, but sharing them with other members on your early intervention team allows others to know what is important to your family. This information will help you and your team to create meaningful individualized intervention plans for your child. With your input, early intervention supports will be provided in a family-centered manner.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Your Service Coordinator will schedule a time with you to complete the intake process. Together you will help identify your priorities and concerns regarding your child's development. You will also begin planning for an **EVALUATION** of your child's development. **YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT AS AN EXPERT ON YOUR CHILD.** The evaluation can only happen with your permission.

WHAT CAN I DO TO BE PREPARED?

- Be ready to share information that you think is important: medical history, a baby book, growth chart or anything else you feel is important for others to know about your child.
- Think about your child and any questions or concerns you might have related to his or her development.
- Think about what you would like to know about your child that the evaluation team can address.
- What times and locations would be convenient to you and your family for the evaluation team to meet with you.
- Feel free to invite any friends, or family members that you would like to have at your meeting with the Service Coordinator and at the evaluation.
- Inform your Service Coordinator if you need an interpreter or any other assistance in understanding the evaluation process.