

What is Early Intervention?



...helping families develop their child's potential.



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Early Intervention (EI) in Pennsylvania consists of coaching supports designed to help families with children who have developmental delays or disabilities. While all children grow and change at their own rate, some children can experience delays in their development. Sometimes this can be cause for concern. Early Intervention supports young children and their families or caregivers to help the child grow and develop.

Who is eligible?

Infants, toddlers, and preschool children who have special needs due to developmental delays or disabilities are eligible to receive Early Intervention services.

What are Early Intervention Supports and Services?

Early Intervention coaching supports and services are provided at no cost; supports families and caregivers as the child's first teacher; links families to a variety of community services and supports and are individualized to consider the values, culture and priorities of the child and family. Early Intervention promotes collaboration among families,

EI service personnel/providers, and Early Childhood Education professionals involved with a child. When a child attends an early childhood education setting, Early Intervention can help the early childhood staff with strategies to promote the child's development.

Where do children and families receive supports and services?

Services and supports are embedded in the learning opportunities that exist in the child's typical routines and within the home and community and other early childhood education programs such as child care centers, nursery schools, prekindergarten programs or Head Start.

Who should families contact to see if their child is eligible for Early Intervention?

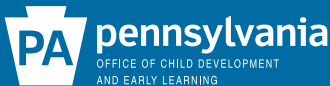
A first step for any family with a concern about their child's development is to call Pennsylvania statewide CONNECT. The CONNECT staff will refer a family to the local Early Intervention agency. The Early Intervention agency will determine if the child is eligible for Early Intervention.

The toll free number is 1-800-692-7288.

Questions about Early Intervention?

Call CONNECT
1-800-692-7288
(TTY Accessible)

*CONNECT puts families in touch
with the people who can help.*



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