



Family Matters Parent Training & Information Center

Fact Sheet: Early Intervention

1. Are you concerned about your young child's development? Early Intervention is a great place to get resources, education and support. Find your local Child and Family Connections (CFC) office here:
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12&officetype=4&county> OR call (800) 843-6154.
2. Do you want to understand more about how to make referrals to Early Intervention? Check out the video at the IL Early Intervention Clearinghouse:
<https://eiclearinghouse.org/category/getting-started/>
3. Illinois Department of Human Services offers a comprehensive Illinois EI Guide for Families here:
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=71370#:~:text=Step%201%3A%20Contact%20Your%20Local%20CFC%20Office,-You%20may%20call&text=If%20you%20need%20assistance%20finding,you%20about%20your%20child's%20development.>
4. Who is eligible for Early Intervention? <https://eiclearinghouse.org/getting-started/eligibility/>
5. Ready to dive into Early Intervention? Check out these Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse Tip sheets on the role of the family in EI, sibling support, natural environments and more: <https://eiclearinghouse.org/series/tipsheets-eibasics/>
6. Wonder why Early Intervention matters? Check out this resource from the CDC:
<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/whyActEarly.html#:~:text=Intervention%20is%20likely%20to%20be,in%20life%20rather%20than%20later.&text=The%20connections%20in%20a%20baby's,learning%2C%20behavior%2C%20and%20health.>
7. We know Early Intervention is great for kids and their families. Read more here:
<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/bhsm/2021/2021-ei-opportunity-for-children-and-families.pdf>

8. Understand more about the evaluation process in Early Intervention:
<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/ei-overview/#eval>
9. It can be hard to know all of the terms and acronyms used in Early Intervention. Here is a tip sheet: <https://www.parentcenterhub.org/keyterms-ei/>
10. Do you want to learn more about transitioning from Early Intervention into Early Childhood programs in your local schools? Check out these FAQ's from the Illinois State Board of Education: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Early-Intervention-to-Early-Childhood-Special-Education-Transition-FAQ.pdf>

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