

Early Intervention (IDEA – Part C)

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)

OVERVIEW

Illinois' Early Intervention's mission is to assure that families who have infants and toddlers, birth to three, with diagnosed disabilities, developmental delays or substantial risk of significant delays receive resources and supports that assist them in maximizing their child's development, while respecting the diversity of families and communities.

The Early Intervention system (also referred to by its funding source, *Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*) provides coordinated, comprehensive, multidisciplinary, developmental services to children under the age of three who have a developmental delay or disability or who are at risk of a delay. Through a statewide network of qualified personnel credentialed and/or enrolled in the Early Intervention system, children receive one or more of the Early Intervention services listed below in their home or community:

- Assistive technology (durable medical equipment and supplies)
- Audiology, aural rehabilitation and other related services
- Developmental therapy
- Family training and support
- Health services
- Medical services (diagnostic/evaluation purposes only)
- Nursing services
- Nutrition services
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychological and other counseling services
- Service coordination
- Social work and other counseling services
- Speech/language therapy
- Transportation
- Vision services

WHO IS SERVED?

Population(s)/Age Group:

Children from birth until age 3.

Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:

Children in the following categories of children are eligible for Early Intervention Services:

- Developmental delay of 30% or greater in one or more of the following areas of development: cognitive, physical, communication, social or emotional, and adaptive;
- Physical or mental condition which typically results in developmental delay
- At risk of having substantial developmental delays based on the informed clinical opinions.

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HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

Local Service System:

Regionally based **Child and Family Connection (CFC)** offices are the system points of entry for all Early Intervention services. They are responsible for: responding to referrals, intake of families coordination of evaluation and eligibility determinations for children; oversight of the development of individualized service plans; and ongoing service coordination, including transition to services as a child nears his/her third birthday. CFCs are also responsible for Child Find activities as well as the coordination of Local Interagency Councils (LICs). A list of CFC Offices is available here:

<http://www.illinoiseittraining.org/OneNetLibrary/1/documents/Resources/CFCs/2014CFCList-01-14.pdf>

Specific services, as detailed in the overview section, are delivered through a statewide network of qualified, credentialed providers in the child's home or community setting.

Referrals into Program:

Child and Family Connections (CFC) offices maintain collaborative relationships with primary referral sources, including child care providers, social service agencies, physicians, parents, Child Find and other health care professionals.

Data Systems Used:

Client-level data collected through the Cornerstone management information system

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