

Welcome to Early Intervention

Your child and family will be receiving services and supports from your Early Intervention program. You may wonder what a home visit will be like. Here are four important features about home-based early intervention to help you know what to expect and how to participate.

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You are the most important people in your child's life and early intervention (EI). EI services are designed to help you support your child's development, EI service providers will share information and resources to guide your decision making and to help you and your child grow and learn together. The team supports you and your family to accomplish your goals. This means you are an active participant in the intervention with your provider by playing/talking with your child, practicing new skills, and learning how your child will grow and develop.

Providing services in the natural environment is more than coming to your home to work with your child. We know that children learn best with familiar people while they are doing meaningful, everyday routines like getting dressed, playing ball, eating a snack, or walking a dog. Participation in activities like these help children learn many important skills. Instead of bringing special toys and materials to your home, you and the provider will teach your child during your typical routines using your family's objects and toys. You will take an active role in choosing routines and activity you believe work best for teaching your child.



Your role as family members is to help your child grow and develop by using (or embedding) strategies on important skills in the routines you choose and are already doing. For example, at snack your child can increase communication and motor skills by naming his or her choice of food or drink, by picking up the cracker and holding the cup with two hands. Your child learns about taking turns, attending to faces, and having fun during a game of peek while getting dressed. Embedded intervention means you intentionally support your child's learning while doing what you typically do with your family during the day.

Your EI provider's role is to help you learn how to teach your child. As a coach, your provider will listen to your concerns and priorities, share information, and offer suggestions about strategies to help your child learn. Your provider will help you choose routines and activities that occur frequently to give your child chances to practice that are fun, so your child wants to join in, and that are comfortable for you and your family. By working together, your child will have opportunities to learn throughout the day, every day . . . not just during special therapy sessions.

