



Frequently Asked Questions

Good news! The Early Intervention Services Family Survey is coming to families again this Fall. Watch for this important opportunity to share how your family has been impacted by early intervention services in Maryland! In the meantime, here are answers to a few of your frequently asked questions. For more information, please contact Kenneth Hudock at the Maryland State Department of Education, 410-767-7770 or Kenneth.Hudock@maryland.gov.

1) What is the Early Intervention Services Family Survey and why do I need to fill it out?

- The survey collects valuable feedback from families on the impact of early intervention in Maryland. The information collected **directly** impacts improvement efforts for State and local programs for eligible infants, toddlers and preschoolers with developmental delays/disabilities and their families.
- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all states to collect data on the impact of early intervention.
- The survey was developed by the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring (monitoringcenter.lsuhs.edu).

2) Who fills out the survey and how often?

- Family members of children ages birth to 4 who were receiving early intervention services through an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) as of *June 30, 2024*, are invited to complete the survey this year in the Fall.

3) How do I fill out the survey?

- If the question does not apply to your child and/or family, **SKIP** the question.
- If you need help with the survey, please contact your service coordinator or service providers.
- For families continuing services through an Extended Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) after age 3 **ONLY**, please complete the two additional questions at the bottom of the survey.
- You may also complete the survey online at: mdparentsurvey.com

4) Can I fill out just one survey even if I have more than one child in early intervention?

- It is important to give feedback on each child. If possible, please fill out a separate survey for each child participating in the infants and toddlers program.

5) Will my responses be kept private?

- Individual child and family information or responses will not be shared. The summary results of the survey will be used to provide feedback for local and Statewide program improvement and decisionmaking and for reporting purposes to the U.S. Department of Education.

6) Will my family's early intervention services be affected if I choose not to fill out the survey?

- Your feedback is important. However, filling out the survey is completely voluntary. Whether you choose to complete the survey or not, your child's and family's early intervention services will not be impacted in any way.

7) How will I receive the survey? How do I return the survey?

- Survey packets will be hand delivered to you by one of your service providers. Each packet will have an introductory letter, one survey, and a postage-paid envelope for mailing it in.
- Please fill out the survey as soon as possible and put it in the mail using the postage-paid envelope.
- **The Early Intervention Services Family Survey due date is November 8, 2024.**

Thank you!