

Rhode Island's Early Intervention Program

Early Intervention (EI) is a program designed to help families support the growth and development of their infants and toddlers, birth through 3, who are delayed in their development or have a diagnosed condition known to cause developmental delay.

When you contact an Early Intervention provider, they will:

- Listen to your concerns and answer your questions;
- Schedule a visit with the family and make a plan to evaluate the child at no cost;
- Provide the family with information about the child's development and make a plan for next steps.

Early Intervention services are paid for through commercial insurance, Medicaid, and/or state and federal funds.

How does Early Intervention work?

Early Intervention professional's help families support their child's development in ways that make a meaningful difference. We work in partnership with families to develop goals for their child and themselves and build on the things families do every day that support their child's learning and development.

Research shows that children learn best in the places, and from the people that are most familiar to them. This is why EI providers visit the child and his/her caregivers where they spend most of their day. Research also shows that when we act early, children are more successful in school and adulthood.

The real intervention happens between visits:

Children in EI increase their skills and abilities to engage with others and develop ways to be more independent in their daily lives. One reason for this is that Early Intervention providers coach families so they feel confident in carrying out strategies in between visits from their EI professional.

Who can refer a child to Early Intervention?

Parents, pediatricians, birthing hospitals... anyone can refer a child to Early Intervention. Referrals should be made with a parent's knowledge and permission.

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To make a referral or learn more, contact any one of our nine Early Intervention Programs. For more information or assistance in choosing a provider, contact RI Parent Information Network at 401-270-0101.

RI Early Intervention Providers

Children's Friend & Service

621 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863-2603
Fax: 401-729-0010
Phone: 401-721-9200

Family Service of RI

134 Thurbers Avenue
Providence, RI 02905-4754
Fax: 401-277-3388
Referral line: 401-519-2307
Referral line for
Spanish speaking families:
401-519-2308

Meeting Street

1000 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02905
Fax: 401-533-9105
Phone: 401-533-9100
Referral line: 401-533-9104

Community Care Alliance

245 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895-3123
Fax: 401-766-8737
Referral Line: 401-235-6029
Phone: 401-235-7000

The Groden Center

30 Livingston Street
Providence, RI 02904
Fax: 401-5252382
Phone: 401-525-2380

Seven Hills Rhode Island

178 Norwood Ave.
Cranston, RI 02905
Fax : 401-762-0837
Phone : 401-921-1470

Easter Seals, RI

213 Robinson Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
Fax: 401-284-1006
Phone: 401-284-1000

Looking Upwards, Inc.

2974 East Main Road
Portsmouth, RI 02871
Fax: 401293-5796
Phone: 401-293-5790

J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center

3445 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
Fax: 401-823-1849
Phone: 401-823-1731

