Steps to Early Intervention

1. Referral
Many people can refer a child for early intervention services including doctors, educators, family members and friends.

2. Intake
A service coordinator from the early intervention program visits the family and child at home to learn about the child’s needs.

3. Evaluation
Evaluations and assessments include developmental checklists, a review of the child’s medical history, and observations from family members and professionals.

4. Services Begin
Services and team members are chosen based on the evaluation results and the family’s goals for the child.

For more information about your state’s Early Intervention Program, please visit the link below:
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What is Early Intervention?

Early intervention is a family-centered practice, which means the team members work with and respect each family’s strengths, cultures and backgrounds. A service coordinator is a specialist who is trained to support and provide resources to families.

What does Early Intervention look like?

Early intervention is participation-based learning for families with children who have or may be at risk for developmental delays. Participation-based learning includes the child’s family, the home and preschool environment, and the local community. Early intervention can take place during the family’s regular daily activities.

Types of Early Intervention Services

Cognitive Development:
Thinking, learning, problem solving

Communication:
Talking, listening, understanding

Physical Development:
Balancing, reaching, rolling, sitting, crawling, walking

Self-help skills:
Eating, dressing, cleaning

Social/Emotional Well-being:
Playing, making friends, sharing, taking turns, feeling happy