

Monroe County Early Intervention Program

What is Early Intervention (EI)?

A federal, state and local collaboration that grew out of federal legislation (Public Law 99-457: Public Law 101-476) servicing the family and their child under age three who has documented or suspected developmental delays, or disabilities.

Local Lead Agency:

Monroe County Department of Public Health

Early Intervention Official:

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Mandated Services:

- * Child Find
- * Monitoring Service Delivery
- * Developmental monitoring for families of children at risk
- * Multidisciplinary Evaluation
- * Individualized Family Service Plan
- * Public Awareness
- * Service Coordination

Target Population:

All children birth through two who:

- * Have a confirmed developmental delay
- * Have a medical or physical diagnosis with a high probability of developmental delay
- * Have been screened and found to need further evaluation
- * Are suspected of or at high risk for developmental delays in one or more of the following domains: cognitive, communication, gross/fine motor, social/emotional and adaptive (self help).

Voluntary Entitlement: Parents must agree to participate; the service is to assist them with enhancing their child's development.

Role of Service Coordinator:

- * Providing information, advocacy
- * Coordinating across agency lines
- * Monitoring delivery of services and due process
- * Facilitating evaluation, linking with resources
- * Helping parent develop an IFSP

Sources of Referrals:

- * Primary medical provider
- * NICU, Hospital Outpatient Clinics
- * Community based programs/agencies
- * Human Services
- * Parent/Relatives
- * Local School Districts
- * Other

When to Refer:

- * When a child has a definite delay or diagnosed condition with a high probability of delay; referral should be made within two working days
- * If delay is questionable or other circumstances are present, the referral may involve judgement as to the best time to refer. Feel free to contact EI to discuss (753-5437).
- * When primary medical provider feels that parent will benefit from further information, support, and guidance in seeking evaluation/services for a child

How to Refer: Contact the Early Intervention Program at **753-KIDS (5437) Fax: 753-5272**

Process after referral:

- * Service Coordinator makes initial visit to explain program and get signed consents
- * Evaluation or screening takes place to determine eligibility (delay must be 33% in one or 25% in two developmental domains, or if the child's communication is the only concern, then 2 standard deviations below the mean or other criteria as indicated in the NYS Regulations).
- * Service Plan is prepared and services begin for those families of children who are found eligible; developmental monitoring is offered to families of ineligible children or families with children at risk.
- * Ongoing Service Coordinator monitors service delivery, plans reviews and assists with transition of the child out of EI into either continued special needs services or community program.