

Wondering About ...

Early Intervention

When an infant or toddler (age birth - three years) has a developmental delay or is at risk for delay, the child may be eligible for special education services called Early Intervention. The following resources will help you better understand the Early Intervention system and your role within it.

Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

www.heartland.edu/heip

The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.

A Family's Introduction to Early Intervention. Look What I Can Do. Illinois Department of Human Services (2007).

<http://community.fpg.unc.edu/sites/community.fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/Handout/CONNECT-Handout%201-4.pdf>

This document provides a comprehensive introduction to early intervention services in Illinois.

Spanish version:

<http://eic.crc.uiuc.edu/documents/family-intro-sp.pdf>

Illinois Early Intervention Services. Illinois Department of Human Services (2012).

<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=32283>

This webpage provides specific information on the "what" and the "how" of special education services for preschoolers.

Parent Participation in Early Intervention. National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY).

<http://nichcy.org/babies/parent-participation>

This NICHCY webpage provides numerous resources to help families understand early intervention.

When I'm 3, where will I be? A family transition workbook. Illinois State Board of Education. (2007)

http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/parents_pdfs/developmentalscreening.pdf

This handbook helps parents work through the transition from early intervention (birth - age 3) services and into early childhood special education services.

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