

EARLY INTERVENTION/CHILD & FAMILY CONNECTIONS

To make a referral to the Early Intervention system, or to request more information about developmental evaluation, please contact us. We're here to help!

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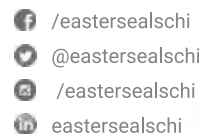
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Early Intervention is a collection of services for families of infants and toddlers who have delays in development or are at-risk for significant developmental delays. Child and Family Connections (CFC) is the local system point of entry for all children birth to three.

Child and Family Connections (CFC) are responsible for:

- > Processing referrals to the Early Intervention system
- > Determining eligibility for Early Intervention services
- > Developing the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for eligible children
- > Monitoring ongoing IFSP services
- > Providing transition services
- > Conducting Child Find activities
- > Promoting public awareness

There are 25 CFCs in Illinois, each covering a specific geographic area. To find your local CFC office, call 800.323.GROW.

Services Available

An IFSP is developed for each eligible child and may include the following developmental services:

- > Speech Therapy
- > Physical Therapy
- > Occupational Therapy
- > Developmental Therapy
- > Health Services
- > Social Work
- > Nursing
- > Nutrition
- > Psychology
- > Audiology
- > Vision Services
- > Assistive Technology Devices
- > Transportation
- > Medical Diagnostics
- > Family Training and Support
- > Service Coordination

Local Interagency Council (LIC):

A forum for Early Intervention families, service providers, community members and CFC personnel to come together to share information, develop public awareness programs, and coordinate developmental screenings and other Child Find activities.

How to Make a Referral

A referral opens the door to the Early Intervention system in Illinois. Referrals to CFC can be made by any person concerned about the development of a child who is under the age of three. Referrals are accepted by telephone, fax, mail, e-mail and in person.

Upon referral, a service coordinator is assigned to the family to begin the process of eligibility determination.

Service Coordinator

The service coordinator is the primary contact person for the family at a CFC. A service coordinator facilitates the evaluation/assessment process to determine eligibility; coordinates and monitors the IFSP; and supports the family throughout their enrollment in and transition from the Early Intervention system. The service coordinator also informs the family of their rights and procedural safeguards within the Early Intervention system.

Parent Liaison

A parent liaison is the parent of a child who has received Early Intervention services.

A parent liaison:

- > Recognizes the unique concerns parents of children with special needs share
- > Can offer families direct support
- > Provides consultation and resources to Early Intervention team members
- > Is credentialed as an Early Intervention provider through Provider Connections which is contracted through the Illinois Department of Human Services, Bureau of Early Intervention