

WHAT CAN EARLY INTERVENTION DO?

- * Improve developmental and educational growth for children and their families
- * Help children with developmental delays become more independent and functional
- * Can reduce the need for future special services for children and their families
- * Help develop a system of support for children and their families, and
- * Answer questions about child development

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility for Early Intervention Services is based on:

- * A developmental delay in at least one area of development.
- * A documented disability or medical condition, which has a high probability for developmental delays.

REFERRALS CAN BE MADE BY

CONTACTING:

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or

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Therapies provided :

Speech/Language/Swallowing/ Feeding

Brenda Linger, Physical Therapy

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Occupational Therapy

GOLDEN RULE EARLY INTERVENTION



What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention or EI is a collection of family centered services designed to help families learn about their child's development and provide assistance to children who are showing signs of or, are at risk for developmental delay. Services are offered at no cost to families. EI during the first few years of a child's life can make a difference.

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WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED THROUGH EARLY INTERVENTION?

- * An initial developmental evaluation to determine your child's current developmental level;
- * Special instruction through therapeutic play for your child from an EI specialist in the home environment;
- * Speech and Language therapy;
- * Occupational therapy;
- * Physical therapy;
- * Support for feeding and swallowing issues;
- * Parent and family education;
- * Services and Support Administration (SSA) case management;
- * Family Resource Services;
- * Infant Massage Instruction;
- * Developmental progress updates every three months.

EARLY INTERVENTION SPECIALIST, WHAT ARE THEY?

An Early Intervention Specialist is a trained professional who uses developmentally appropriate practices to help children meet their potential. EI specialists have education in child development and experience working with infants, toddlers, and their families. Specialists meet specific qualifications and licensure requirements of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

The EI specialist will make home visits at a time convenient to your family. During home visits, the Specialist will engage you and your child in play using developmental toys and items in your home to encourage your child to reach developmental goals that you help establish. The Specialist will leave ideas with your family so that developmental play can continue in between visits. Copies of all developmental evaluations and progress updates are provided to the families.

HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

The Golden Rule Early Intervention program is funded in part by federal, state and local funds. Services are offered at no cost to families.

Guernsey County Early Intervention is a part of the Birth to Three System which also includes Help Me Grow and parents of enrolled children. Early Intervention Specialists also provide service coordination

SERVICE COORDINATION IS...

Service coordination involves help scheduling appointments, getting answers to questions, and assisting with referrals to other professionals in carrying out your families goals. At times many professionals are involved with your child, you may choose to have your Service Coordinator assist you coordinate services. A Service Coordinator can do the following:

- * Inform families of the various services available;
- * Make referrals to community agencies that you are interested in;
- * Research help for funding issues;
- * Connect you with other parents that have experienced similar family issues or concerns;
- * Help you complete your Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP);
- * Provides your rights for services and be there when you need someone to talk to.

WHERE ARE SERVICES OFFERED?

Early Intervention services are offered in the homes of enrolled families and at the Golden Rule Center.

EI Specialists and Help Me Grow Staff can be reached at 740-439-1858.