

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

In Medina County



What You Need to Know

Meet the Team

Once your child is determined eligible for early intervention services, a team of professionals will gather to support you and your family.

Members of the team include a service coordinator and an occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech/language pathologist and/or developmental specialist.

The service coordinator is the team member who helps guide you through services. Your service coordinator helps with the eligibility process, schedules evaluations and assessments for your child and works with your team members to ensure a smooth delivery of services. Your service coordinator will learn about your family, your daily activities and your hopes and priorities for your child. He or she will listen to your goals for your child and then help to connect you to the services you need. The service coordinator will also update your child's progress on the individualized family service plan (IFSP).

One of the Medina County Board of DD Early Intervention staff will serve as your primary service provider (PSP). The PSP is the team member who will visit you and your child in your home or other places you regularly spend time with your child. The PSP will be your hands-on coach and help you learn ways to support your child's development during everyday activities. The PSP will consult with other team members, as needed, and may invite them to join the PSP on visits to address specific concerns.

How It All Works

Your family...

- will talk with your PSP (and other team members, as needed) about your interests, priorities, needs and questions, so together you can identify practical solutions to the challenges that impact your day-to-day lives.
- will determine success based on how your child's progress fits with what is important to you.
- will benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the entire team through a coaching approach. (The professionals on your team support you in your role as your child's most important teacher rather than playing that role themselves.)
- will always be an equal partner in the team because you play the most important role in your child's learning and development.

Your team...

- will respect that you know your child better than anyone and that he or she learns best from you and other familiar people in places where he or she naturally spends time.
- will welcome the participation of family, friends and other people who regularly support your child's learning and development.
- will meet together to discuss how to best serve your family. Your input is welcome.
- will learn from the expertise of each team member to help you meet outcomes that lead to meaningful improvement in your family's life.



For more information, please call
a Service Coordinator at 330-764-8580