

Early Intervention Program EI Developmental Specialists

Eligibility and Intake for children ages 0-3 is part of Ohio's Help Me Grow (HMG) system. If there is a concern with development or the child has a diagnosis that could result in delays/disabilities, referrals are made to a central Ohio coordinating site for HMG. From there referrals are sent to one of two local agencies who will assign a Service Coordinator. This person will conduct intake with the family and then can schedule for a full developmental evaluation/assessment. The team, including the caregivers, will establish if there is a need for Early Intervention and services.

Early Intervention Developmental Specialist (EIDS) is certified through the State Department of Developmental Disabilities and can be assigned to a family as the Primary Service Provider (PSP). This person will be the lead in providing Special Instruction to the family and teaming with other areas of expertise as appropriate. An EIDS focuses on the outcomes developed in the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) and empowers caregivers to build on their own strengths to enhance the child's learning and development.

How we do this

- ◇ Team with a Service Coordinator to provide IFSP services & supports
- ◇ Visit with families in Natural Environments
(Homes, Child care centers, Community locations, Specialty Appointments & Parent/child playgroups at various locations)
- ◇ Meet with Core Teams to make sure all areas of expertise are able to offer support, ideas, consultations as appropriate
- ◇ Assist families with enhancing skill areas of development
- ◇ Assist families with transitions

Contact information:

Eligibility and Intake
Help Me Grow
Central Coordination
1-800-755-4769 (GROW)
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ohioearlyintervention.org

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