

Early Intervention(EI): Know Your Rights

For children from years 0-3

General Rights Across the Process

You have the right to...

- To call 311 and self refer your child
- To request interpretation and documentation in the language that you prefer
- Bring or consult an advocate or attorney for any meeting or stage of the process
- To be involved in ALL stages of the EI process
- Ask for mediation, ask for an impartial hearing or file a systems complaint if at any point you disagree with the EI process (*For more on this process please see the glossary found in the linktree*)



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Glossary, Resources and
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transitioning to CPSE

Referral

- If you get denied, you have the right to self refer your child again after 3 months
- You have the right to choose your initial service provider

Evaluation

- You can choose whether or not to have your child evaluated and have the evaluation done in a timely manner
- Your IFSP (**Individualized Family Service Plan**) will be re-evaluated every year
- If your child needs help immediately you can ask the service coordinator to develop an "interim IFSP"***

Eligibility

- You have the right to refuse any specific service without losing other services
- An IFSP must be completed within 45 days of your child's referral to EI, if they are found eligible
- Examine, get a copy of, and ask to correct all records regarding your child and family

Services

- You have the right to choose your child's ongoing service coordinator. **You CANNOT choose your child's therapist or service provider**
- Every six months your family's IFSP will be reviewed to determine if any changes or additional services are needed
- Once the IFSP is done, your child is eligible to receive services right away. Services should start no later than 30 days after you consent
- Be notified in writing of any possible changes in your child's services before any changes are made.

***If you believe your child will need an interim IFSP have a doctor write a letter before the meeting explaining why your child needs immediate services