Monroe County Early Intervention Program

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What is Early Intervention (EI)?
A federal, state and local collaboration that grew out of federal legislation (Public Law 99-457: Public Law 101-476) servicing the family and their child under age three who has documented or suspected developmental delays, or disabilities.

Local Lead Agency:  Early Intervention Official:
Monroe County Department of Public Health  Andrew S. Doniger, M.D., M.P.H.

Mandated Services:
• Child Find
• Multidisciplinary Evaluation
• Public Awareness
• Monitoring Service Delivery
• Individualized Family Service Plan
• Service Coordination

Target Population:
All children birth through two who:
• Have a confirmed developmental delay
• Have a medical or physical diagnosis with a high probability of developmental delay
• Have been screened and found to need further evaluation
• Are suspected of or at high risk for developmental delays in one or more of the following domains: cognitive, communication, gross/fine motor, social/emotional and adaptive (self help).

Voluntary Entitlement:  Parents must agree to participate; the service is to assist them with enhancing their child’s development.

Role of Service Coordinator:
• Providing information, advocacy
• Facilitating evaluation, linking with resources
• Coordinating across agency lines
• Helping parent develop an IFSP
• Monitoring delivery of services and due process

Sources of Referrals:
• Primary medical provider
• Community based programs/agencies
• Parent/Relatives
• NICU, Hospital Outpatient Clinics
• Human Services
• Local School Districts
• Other

When to Refer:
• When a child has a definite delay or diagnosed condition with a high probability of delay; referral should be made within two working days
• If delay is questionable or other circumstances are present, the referral may involve judgement as to the best time to refer. Feel free to contact EI to discuss (753-5437).
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- When primary medical provider feels that parent will benefit from further information, support, and guidance in seeking evaluation/services for a child

How to Refer: Contact the Early Intervention Program at 753-KIDS (5437) Fax: 753-5272

Process after referral:
- Service Coordinator makes initial visit to explain program and get signed consents
- Evaluation or screening takes place to determine eligibility
- Service Plan is prepared and services begin for those families of children who are found eligible; developmental monitoring is offered to families of ineligible children.
- Ongoing Service Coordinator monitors service delivery, plans reviews and assists with transition out of EI.