

Early Intervention

Who will be Working with My Child?

Early Intervention Official Designee (EIOD) – The EIOD works for the New York City Early Intervention Program. He or she is responsible for making sure that eligible children have an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting. At this meeting, you and your team will decide what services and supports are needed to support your family in promoting your child’s development. The EIOD also helps parents when they have concerns about Early Intervention services.

Interventionist – An interventionist is someone who is licensed or certified in a profession and has been approved to provide Early Intervention services in New York State. The interventionists working with families could be: special education teachers, Speech/Language Pathologists, Occupational or Physical Therapists, Psychologists, Social Workers, or one of 14 other professionals allowed to provide services in New York State.

Service Coordinator – There are two types of service coordinators in New York State – *initial service coordinators* and *ongoing service coordinators*.

Your *initial service coordinator* will be assigned to your family by the Early Intervention Program. Your initial service coordinator will help you with all the steps necessary to get services – from your child’s evaluation (multidisciplinary evaluation) to find out if he/she is eligible for the Early Intervention Program to your first IFSP meeting if your child is found eligible for the Program.

You will be asked to choose your *ongoing service coordinator* at your first IFSP. The main job of your ongoing service coordinator is to make sure you and your child get the services in your IFSP. Your ongoing service coordinator will also help you find resources in the community to address your priorities, and make sure your IFSP is reviewed on a regular basis. You can keep your initial service coordinator as your ongoing service coordinator, or you can choose a new person.