Overview of Early Intervention

Referral and Services

Child & Family Connections #15

Early Intervention Illinois provides services for families of children birth to age 3 who have developmental delays or disabilities, or who are at risk for developmental delays. Child & Family Connections #15 serves as a point of entry for families in Will, Grundy, Kankakee and LaSalle Counties for Early Intervention Services.

Referral Process
A client may be referred by an agency, Doctors office, or if they may be a self-referral if they have concerns.

Eligibility
A child residing in Illinois under the age of three and their families are initially eligible for EI services if written reports completed by a multidisciplinary team confirm the child’s eligibility. A child must have a 30% delay in one or more areas:

- Cognitive
- Physical
- Vision and hearing
- Language
- Speech-communication
- Social emotional
- Adaptive self-help skills
- Medical diagnosis that typically results in developmental delays.
- Medical conditions that result in automatic qualifying for EI services.

Program Cost
Program funds cover the costs of assessments to determine eligibility. "On-going" EI services are paid by health insurance or "The State of Illinois "program funds. There is a family fee based on family size and gross income.

The Sooner We Start, The Farther They’ll Go