

## Rhode Island's Early Intervention Program

**Early Intervention (EI) is a program designed to help families support the growth and development of their infants and toddlers, birth through 3, who are delayed in their development or have a diagnosed condition known to cause developmental delay.**

**When you contact an Early Intervention provider, they will:**

- Listen to your concerns and answer your questions;
- Schedule a visit with the family and make a plan to evaluate the child at no cost;
- Provide the family with information about the child's development and make a plan for next steps.

**Early Intervention services are paid for through commercial insurance, Medicaid, and/or state and federal funds.**

**How does Early Intervention work?**

Early Intervention professional's help families support their child's development in ways that make a meaningful difference. We work in partnership with families to develop goals for their child and themselves and build on the things families do every day that support their child's learning and development.

Research shows that children learn best in the places, and from the people that are most familiar to them. This is why EI providers visit the child and his/her caregivers where they spend most of their day. Research also shows that when we act early, children are more successful in school and adulthood.

**The real intervention happens between visits:**

Children in EI increase their skills and abilities to engage with others and develop ways to be more independent in their daily lives. One reason for this is that Early Intervention providers coach families so they feel confident in carrying out strategies in between visits from their EI professional.

**Who can refer a child to Early Intervention?**

Parents, pediatricians, birthing hospitals... anyone can refer a child to Early Intervention. Referrals should be made with a parent's knowledge and permission.

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To make a referral or learn more, contact any one of our nine Early Intervention Programs. For more information or assistance in choosing a provider, contact RI Parent Information Network at 401-270-0101.

### RI Early Intervention Providers

#### Children's Friend & Service

621 Dexter Street  
Central Falls, RI 02863-2603  
Fax: 401-729-0010  
Phone: 401-721-9200

#### Family Service of RI

134 Thurbers Avenue  
Providence, RI 02905-4754  
Fax: 401-277-3388  
Referral line: 401-519-2307  
Referral line for  
Spanish speaking families:  
401-519-2308

#### Meeting Street

1000 Eddy Street  
Providence, RI 02905  
Fax: 401-533-9105  
Phone: 401-533-9100  
Referral line: 401-533-9104

#### Community Care Alliance

245 Main Street  
Woonsocket, RI 02895-3123  
Fax: 401-766-8737  
Referral Line: 401-235-6029  
Phone: 401-235-7000

#### The Groden Center

30 Livingston Street  
Providence, RI 02904  
Fax: 401-5252382  
Phone: 401-525-2380

#### Seven Hills Rhode Island

178 Norwood Ave.  
Cranston, RI 02905  
Fax : 401-762-0837  
Phone : 401-921-1470

#### Easter Seals, RI

213 Robinson Street  
Wakefield, RI 02879  
Fax: 401-284-1006  
Phone: 401-284-1000

#### Looking Upwards, Inc.

2974 East Main Road  
Portsmouth, RI 02871  
Fax: 401293-5796  
Phone: 401-293-5790

#### J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center

3445 Post Road  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Fax: 401-823-1849  
Phone: 401-823-1731

