Early Intervention in **Philadelphia**

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WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?

Early Intervention (EI) is a free service and support for families who have a child or children 0 - 5 years old with developmental delays. There are two tracks in Philadelphia, depending on your child's age. The Philadelphia Infant Toddler Early Intervention program serves children 0 – 3 years old. The EI evaluation can take place at home or in your childcare setting. Elwyn SEEDS (Special Education for Early Developmental Success) serves children 3 (or as early as 33 months) – 5 years old. Evaluations for the Elwyn SEEDS program take place at Elwyn or Head Start rather than in the home. Services can take place at home, preschool, day care or Elwyn site. These programs are funded by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning. Services are only available for those who qualify.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD QUALIFIES?

If your child is between 0-5 years old and you or someone you know (a family member, doctor, etc.) has a concern about their development, you may want to call early intervention to see if your child would qualify for some extra help. The team will complete an evaluation (this will not include diagnosis) with your child to learn more about the developmental concern. They will also consider your child's doctor's informed clinical opinion, and whether your child has been diagnosed with a physical or mental condition that has a high likelihood of resulting in a developmental delay (e.g. Down Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Syndrome). Your child is entitled to early intervention services if they have delays in one or more of the following areas: cognitive, communication, physical, social/emotional, or self-care.

WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED THROUGH EI?

- Service coordination
- Special instruction
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Vision Services
- Social Work Services
- Psychological Services
- Nutrition Services
- Hearing Services for children who are deaf or have hearing loss

WHO DO I CALL?

Philadelphia Infant Toddler Early Intervention (0-3 years old):
Phone: (215) 685-4646 | Fax: (215) 685-4638 | Email: birthto3ei@phila.gov
Elwyn SEEDS (3-5 years old):
Address: 4025 Chestnut Street | Phone: (215) 222-8054

Additional Resources:
ASERT Website: www.paautism.org
Philadelphia Autism Project Website: www. phillyautismproject.org
Elwyn A-List: www.paautism.org/resources/Individuals-with-autism/Resource-Details/itemid/1069
Differences between the two programs:
www.carautismroadmap.org/differences-between-the-infants-toddlers-and-preschool-systems/

Citations:
CAP4Kids: http://cap4kids.org/philadelphia/parent-handouts/early-intervention-development/
Disability Rights PA: http://disabilityrightspa.org/File/publications/the-right-to-early-intervention-for-infants-and-toddlers-and-their-families-in-pennsylvania-.pdf
ChildLink: http://childlinkphila.org/services