

Early Intervention

Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Purpose:

To inspire, empower and support children to achieve their full potential. To provide a system of supports for children, birth through age two, served by Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD).

Description of Service:

Early Intervention is supports and resources that assist family members/caregivers to enhance their child’s learning and development through everyday learning opportunities. Early intervention (EI) services are developmental services selected in collaboration with the parents of an infant or toddler birth through age two, who is eligible for services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, and 34 C.F.R. Part 303, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, and designed to meet the developmental needs of the infant or toddler and the needs of the family to assist appropriately in the infant's or toddler's development as identified by the individual family service planning team.

The Delaware County Family and Children First Council (DCFCFC) is responsible for coordinating existing services and supports for children birth through twenty-one years of age. The DCBDD, through a subcontract with the DCFCFC, receives funds to provide Early Intervention services on a year-round basis for a minimum of two hundred forty days to eligible infants and toddlers and their families as part of a comprehensive, coordinated, transdisciplinary, interagency Early Intervention system.

The Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD) providing Early Intervention services shall do so in accordance with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, 34 C.F.R. Part 303, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Health as stated in O.A.C 5123:2-1-04 and O.A.C. 3701-8 Help Me Grow Program.

The DCBDD has agreed to fulfill as a partner in the local Help Me Grow (HMG) network the provision of the following HMG program components:

- Public awareness/child find;
- Evaluation to determine eligibility for Early Intervention;
- Child and family assessment for Early Intervention;
- Service coordination for Early Intervention;
- Early Intervention services in everyday routines, activities, and places as developed through the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) development process;
- Parent’s Rights

Accessing Services:

Early Intervention services shall be designed to meet the needs of the family related to enhancing the child's development and participation in family life. The DCBDD shall participate in the development of the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) outcomes for children and families that promote engagement, independence, and full community participation. Individuals must meet eligibility criteria prior to accessing services as specified in accordance with the definition of "developmental delay". For children under age three, developmental delay shall be established in accordance with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, 34 C.F.R. 303.10, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Health as stated in O.A.C 5123:2-1-04 and O.A.C. 3701-8 Help Me Grow Program.

A Service Coordinator (SC) and a Developmental Specialist (DS) are assigned to assist the parents in the eligibility process, in the development of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), and in accessing supports. This is a team process which should include, but is not limited to the child, family members, community members, and providers.

Supports provided:

DCBDD services and supports are provided based on the functional outcomes identified in the IFSP. Early Intervention services are provided in natural environments, places where children live, learn and play, and also include children's routines, or what children do, as they participate in their everyday life at home and in their community. The DCBDD encourages full community participation.

Ongoing Communication:

The IFSP outcomes are reviewed every 180 days at a minimum. When outcomes on the IFSP are reached the SC will facilitate a meeting to add additional outcomes on the IFSP.

Records:

Electronic records shall be maintained for individuals receiving DCBDD supports, in accordance with O.A.C.5123:2-1-04 (l) (4) (a-d).

Due Process and Resolution of Complaints:

Assurances for procedural safeguards required by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1431 through 1445, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, 34 C.F.R. Part 303, Subpart E, as in effect on the effective date of this rule, and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and the Ohio Department of Health as stated in O.A.C 5123:2-1-04 and O.A.C. 3701-8 Help Me Grow Program. Written copies of the Early Intervention Parent's Rights are given to the family at intake and annually.