Early Intervention Steps

**Family Concern**

1. **Referral** *(unless parent objects)*
   - Referral source or parent suspects child of having developmental delay or disability
   - Family informed of benefits of Early Intervention Program
   - Child referred to EIO within 2 days of identification
   - Early Intervention Official assigns Initial Service Coordinator

2. **Initial Service Coordinator**
   - Provides information about EIP
   - Informs family of rights
   - Reviews list of evaluators
   - Obtains insurance/Medicaid information
   - Obtains other relevant information

3. **Evaluation** *
   - Determine eligibility

4. **The IFSP Meeting** *
   - (if child is eligible)
   - Family identifies desired outcomes
   - Early Intervention services specified
   - Develop written plan
   - Family and EIO agree to IFSP
   - Identify Ongoing Service Coordinator
   - EIO obtains social security number(s)

5. **IFSP Review Six Months Evaluate Annually**
   - Decision is made to continue, add, modify or delete outcomes, strategies, and/or services
   - If parent requests, may review sooner
     - If parent requests an increase in services, EIO may ask for independent evaluation

6. **Transition**
   - Plan for transition included in IFSP
   - Transition to
     - services under Section 4410 of Education Law (3-5 system)
     - other early childhood services, as needed

**Early Intervention Services** *

- assistive technology devices and services
- audiology
- family training, counseling, home visits and parent support groups
- medical services only for diagnostic or evaluation purposes
- nursing services
- nutrition services
- occupational therapy
- physical therapy
- psychological services
- service coordination
- social work services
- special instruction
- speech-language pathology
- vision services
- health services
- transportation and related costs

**Areas of Development**

- cognitive
- physical (including vision and hearing)
- communication
- social/emotional
- adaptive development

* May access due process procedures

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Parent/guardian consent is required for evaluation, IFSP provision of services, IFSP, and transition.

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