

# The Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

An IFSP is a road map identifying the family's role and involvement with early intervention services. It is meant to identify what services their child (birth to three) should receive, and what results the family and the Early Intervention (EI) team hope to achieve for the family's child.

It is essential that early intervention services occur in a natural setting. This would be where the family and their child feel most comfortable. A natural environment is typically at home, but it can also be at a child care program or at a local community center.

An IFSP will look at a child's current level of functioning and needs. It focuses on what a family needs to best support their child.



**What are the priorities for the child and the family?  
What are the family's concerns?  
What are the family's resources?**

The IFSP builds on individual strengths of each family member. The EI team will then take everyone's strengths and create a personalized IFSP to meet everyone's needs.

**Parents must give a written consent before the plan goes into action.**

Parents know their child best. If a parent feels a certain service isn't right for their child, they can decline it at any time.

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