



1. Referral

(unless parent objects)

- System of identifying all infants and toddlers who may be eligible for early intervention supports and services
- AEIS Child Find toll free hotline: 1-800-543-3098
- family contacted by local service coordinator

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3. Evaluation/Assessment

- Process to determine who qualifies and what resources, supports and services are needed
- Parents are equal partners
- Parents must give written consent
- Includes all areas of development
- Review of pertinent records included
- Family assessment is voluntary
- Must complete within 45 days of referral

2. Service Coordination

- Service available for families who qualify
- Helps family identify concerns and goals
- Provided by qualified service provider who knows community supports and services available; knows EI law and acts as family advocate
- Assists family with identifying and planning for needed supports and services

4. Individualized Family Service Plan (if child is eligible)

- IFSP is written plan that describes resources, supports, services and goals
- Unique group planning process for each eligible child and family
- IFSP defines procedure for getting services
- Family is equal partner in planning

5. Child/Parents Rights

- Procedures in place to ensure the rights of each eligible child and family
- Provides protection for family and service providers throughout family's involvement in AEIS
- Written and oral explanation is available to all involved families

AEIS services provided:

(if appropriate for eligible child and family)

- Assistive technology
- Audiology
- Family training, counseling and home visits
- Health services
- Medical services (diagnosis and evaluation purposes only)
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychological services
- Service coordination
- Social work services
- Special instruction
- Speech and language pathology
- Transportation and related costs
- Vision services

6. Transition

- Process of moving from EI (birth - 3 yrs.) to preschool (3 - 5 yrs.) or other services
- Includes involving parents and providers
- Written transition plan describes resources and goals
- Families work with EI and preschool special education or community-based service and organizations