

Connect With a Career in Early Intervention



Purpose of Early Intervention

“To enable young children to be active and successful participants during the early childhood years and in the future in a variety of settings – in their homes, with their families, in child care, in preschool, and in the community.”

Quoted from [Family and Child Outcomes for Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education](#)



What is **Early Intervention**?

Early intervention is a system of supports and services that helps eligible infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities in the first three years of life. In early intervention, service providers coach families to help their children with the needs that they have within their daily routines. Early Intervention may include speech therapy, physical therapy, and other types of services based on the child and family's needs within the following areas of development: physical, cognitive, communication, social/emotional, and self-help skills.



What is *Early On*?

Early On is Michigan's statewide system of early intervention services administered by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP). Services are provided by Intermediate School Districts in the child's natural environment (in the family's home, child care, or a community setting).





Early On

Early On provides supports and services for eligible infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age who have a disability or who are at risk for delay(s) due to an established health condition. *Early On* also provides supports and resources to assist family members and caregivers.



***Early On* Services**

- Service Coordination
- Family Training, Counseling & Home Visits
- Special Instruction
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Social Work
- Vision Services
- Audiology Services
- Nursing Services
- Nutrition Services
- Psychological Services
- Health Services
- Assistive Technology Services
- Transportation

Services provided are individualized to meet the individual needs of children and their families.

“I was excited about working with kids, but I didn’t really know how exactly I wanted to do that — just that I wanted to be involved. That’s what led me down the career path I’m on.”

Daniel Regal, speech pathologist with *Early On* Michigan





One Career Many Professionals

Early Interventionists

Speech-language pathologists (SLP)

Occupational therapists (OT)

Physical therapists (PT)

School Social worker (SSW)

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

Early Childhood Teacher

School Psychologists

Nurse

**this is not an exhaustive list*



Early On Job Settings

Services for infants and toddlers in *Early On* occur in the child's natural environment. Below are settings where professionals in early intervention may work:

- Family's Home
- Child care
- Park, Library, or other community settings.

Could You Be an *Early On* Service Provider?

Early Interventionists provide families with the supports and services that will promote the development of their infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities.

Service providers assist children and families with the needs that they have within their daily routines through coaching.





***Early On* service providers support children in the following developmental areas:**

- Physical (reaching, rolling, crawling, and walking)
- Cognitive (thinking, learning, solving problems)
- Communication (talking, listening, understanding, gesturing)
- Social-emotional (feeling secure, able to calm, playing with others)
- Self-help (eating, dressing)

“Working for *Early On* is very enjoyable — that is one of the reasons why it’s fulfilling. So now not only do I get to see the child grow, but get to see a family grow as well!”

LaToya Harper, special education teacher and *Early On* service provider





Qualities of an *Early On* Service Provider

- Enjoys working with children and families
- Collaborates well with team members
- Communicates Effectively
- Displays Empathy and Patience

“If you’re the kind of person that cares about seeing the people you work with grow and want to feel like you’re making a difference — this is a really great job for you.”

Daniel Regal, speech pathologist with *Early On* Michigan



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“My goal for Michigan kids is that they be able to grow up to be productive members of society in the best way that they can. Working in early intervention helps me make this desire come true.”

LaToya Harper, special education teacher and *Early On* service provider



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