



**Department
of Health**

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Background – Early Intervention Program

- New York State’s Early Intervention Program (EIP) is for infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) with developmental disabilities and their families.
- Federal grant program through Part C of federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Title II-A of Article 25 of PHL – Implemented July 1, 1993.
- Department of Health is Lead Agency responsible for administration and oversight.
- All fifty-seven counties and New York City have a designated Early Intervention Official/public agency responsible for local administration.

DOH Responsibilities as Lead Agency for the EIP

- Establishing standards for provider approval
- Approving and periodically re-approving providers
- Compiling and disseminating list of approved providers to municipalities
- Monitoring of agencies and individuals providing EI services and municipalities as local administrators
- Enforce State and Federal requirements for the EIP
- Provide training and technical assistance (TA) to municipalities, providers and parents
- Maintain a comprehensive system of personnel development including training
- Ensure availability of procedural safeguards
- Provide electronic data collection and reporting
- Establish a System of Payment (State Fiscal Agent)
- Establish regional reimbursement rates with DOB approval
- Audit and oversight of fiscal operations related to the EIP

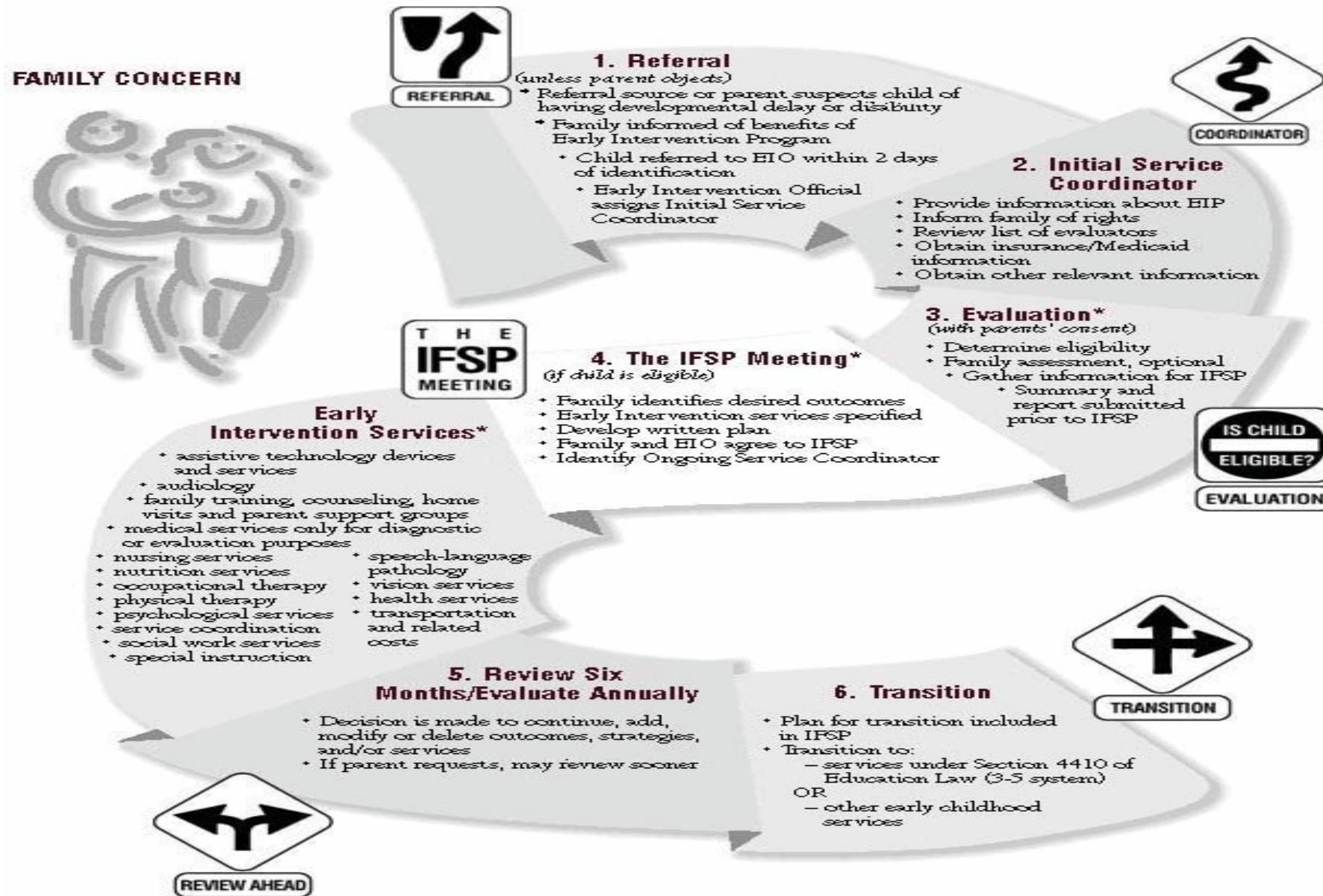
Early Intervention Program Eligibility

- Children birth to three years of age with a developmental delay with either:
 - A diagnosed condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental delay (15.6%), or
 - A developmental delay affecting function in one or more areas of development (cognition, physical, communication, social-emotional, or adaptive development) (84.4%)

Early Intervention Services

- **Developmental services** – designed to enhance the child’s development and the family’s capacity to help their child
- **Family-centered services** – involve parents/caregivers in all aspects of planning and service delivery for individual children AND at the policy level
- Services include service coordination, special instruction, speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, nursing, audiology, family training, home visits, parent support, nutrition, vision, social work, and assistive technology (AT) devices and services

Early Intervention Program Steps



NYS Early Intervention Program (EIP)

- In PY 2021-22, The EIP delivered services to 68,393 children.
- During the same period, total EI spending was \$648M.
- There are currently 8,232 providers in NYS who are approved to deliver EI services (5,397 active within the past 12 months).
- 10,501 non-approved rendering providers also delivered EI services in the past 12 months (work for agencies & Counties).

Payment for EI Services

- **No cost to parents**
- Reimbursement to providers for services furnished to children and families in the EIP comes from:
 - Medicaid for children who are Medicaid eligible.
 - Private (commercial) insurance if the insurance is NYS regulated (EIP claims are no longer billed to commercial insurance).
 - Covered Lives – Legislation effective January 1, 2022, established a pool funded by an assessment on insurance plans (\$40M).
 - Remaining costs are funded through a charge upon the county/NYC in the first instance, followed by State reimbursement at 49% of county/NYC cost.

NYS Early Intervention Program (EIP)

- Program year 2021-22 spending totaled \$648M. An increase of \$89M from the previous program year. Below is a breakdown of PY21-22 spending:
 - Medicaid \$280M (43.2%)
 - County Funds \$183M (28.2%)
 - State Funds \$176M (27.2%)
 - Commercial Insurance \$9M (1.4%)

Questions?