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# Early Intervention Program



Centennial  
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# The Early Intervention Program

This program is a home-visiting service that supports families with children ages birth to five years old who have delays in two or more areas. The cost for this service is funded through the provincial government and private donations raised by the Centennial Infant and Child Centre Foundation. It is designed for children who are not in daycare, preschool or school.

If you need service in French, you can contact Centre francophone at 416-922-2672.



# Who we are & what we do



The Early Interventionist is specially trained to provide developmental support to families in their homes and community. Our perspective is that parents / guardians are experts in their child(ren)'s strengths and needs as well as the needs of their family.

We observe your child and listen to your goals. We develop a plan with you that includes the number of visits and focuses on your family's needs.

We provide suggestions and activities to support your child's development in all areas as needed:

- Speaking and listening
- Gross (big muscles) and fine (small muscles in the hand) motor skills
- Social / emotional
- Problem-solving
- Play
- Self-help skills



With your permission, we may make referrals to other services.

# How the service works



Visits are about an hour long. The Early Interventionist shows you developmentally appropriate activities including how to play with your child, how to choose and use toys that fit your child's development, and everyday activities to encourage development.

She/he coaches and models strategies for you so you can practice these activities between visits. If needed, she/he may consult with other professionals for more suggestions. On occasion she/he may make a visit with other professionals to coordinate service.

Depending on your family's needs, the Early Interventionist can also help with planning your child's entry into daycare, school or other programs.



# The parent/guardian's role



You are the leader in making decisions about the goals and implementation of the service, including whether to continue in the program. The Early Interventionist's job is to work with you to support your child(ren)'s development. We depend on you to share your observations and to do the suggested activities between visits.

If you have any concerns or questions contact Kim Clarke  
Ph:416-935-0200, extension 246.



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