Early Intervention

It's the Rhode Island way.

Highlights: What you need to know

We know that of all the things we want our children to have, there is nothing we can give them that is better than a great start. Our Early Intervention (EI) program helps Rhode Islanders with infants and toddlers who have developmental delays by building upon the good work they're already doing at home with additional knowledge, support, and strategies.

We prioritize the education and health of our youngest Rhode Islanders and ensure our EI services are without cost to families, convenient, and effective—because that's the Rhode Island way.

- You are your child's most important teacher and decision-maker. We work alongside you to provide the best support possible to ensure your child is learning and growing at their highest potential.
- We're here to listen, support, answer questions, and provide strategies for your child's growth as part of a committed team.
- Young children learn best in familiar places with adults they know and trust. That's why EI services are provided in places where children usually play or take part in daily activities, such as their home or childcare center.
- We evaluate and provide services for your family at no cost to you.

What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention (EI) is a program designed to help families support the growth and development of children who have a developmental delay or a diagnosed medical condition known to cause developmental delay and who are under the age of 3 years old. Developmental delays or disabilities can affect a child's speech, physical ability, or social skills. Our providers are trained to assess and help in each of these areas.

Who is eligible for EI services?

Early Intervention services are available to Rhode Island children who are under the age of 3 and have been assessed and diagnosed with a developmental disability or delay in one or more areas.

How do I know if my child needs Early Intervention?

We understand the stress of wondering if your child could benefit from Early Intervention services. We are here to make evaluation simple. Our certified providers evaluate RI children under the age of three at no cost to you. To set up an evaluation with a provider that serves your area, please call the RI Parent Information Network at 401-270-0101 or see our provider list below.

How much do Early Intervention services cost me or my family?

Nothing. Early Intervention services are free for families with children who are eligible. Services are paid for by private insurance, Medicaid, and/or federal dollars.

Who are Rhode Island's EI providers?

Children's Friend 621 Dexter Street Central Falls, RI 02863-2603 Phone: 721-9200	**Community Care Alliance** 8 Court Street Mailing Address: PO Box 1700 Woonsocket, RI 02895 Referral Line: 235-6029 Phone: 235-7000
Easter Seals RI 320 Phillips St., #103 North Kingstown, RI 02852 Phone: 284-1000	**Family Service of RI** 134 Thurbers Avenue Providence, RI 02905-4754 Phone: 331-1350 Referral line: 519-2307 Referral line for Spanish-speaking families: 519-2308
Groden Center Early Intervention 610 Manton Ave. Providence, RI 02909 Phone: 525-2380	**Looking Upwards, Inc.** 2974 East Main Road Portsmouth, RI 02871 Phone: 293-5790
Meeting Street 1000 Eddy Street Providence, RI 02905 Phone: 533-9100 Referral line. 533-9104	**Seven Hills Rhode Island** 178 Norwood Ave. Cranston, RI 02905 Phone: 921-1470 and 68 Cumberland Street Woonsocket, RI 02895 Phone: 921-1470
J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center 3445 Post Road Warwick, RI 02886 Phone: 823-1731	**Early Intervention Lead Agency** Executive Office of Health and Human Services 3 West Road, Virks Building #325 Cranston, RI 02892 Part C Coordinator: Jennifer Kaufman Phone: 462-3425

For more information or for help choosing a provider, contact the RI Parent Information Network at 401-270-0101.