

Do you want a career working with young children and families?

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of infants and toddler with special needs?

Here is your guide to choosing a career pathway in early intervention!

### **Who are Early Intervention Providers?**

- Assistive Technology Specialists
- Audiologists
- Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants
- Developmental Intervention Assistants
- Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists
- Early Childhood Special Educators
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Psychologists
- Speech Language Pathologists

Just to name a few!



**Early Intervention Colorado**  
*for Infants, Toddlers & Families*

*Early Intervention Colorado is looking for well trained and qualified personnel who are enthusiastic about working with young children and families.*

For more information on pursuing a career in Early Intervention, please contact the EI Colorado office. To find or post a job, learn more about the required qualifications for early intervention service providers, or view higher education resources and opportunities visit the Professionals Section of the EI Colorado website

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**Consider a Career in  
Early Intervention...**  
***Be there in the  
Beginning!***



Working with families and children is an exciting and rewarding career choice. As an early intervention provider, flexibility defines your career. Early Interventionists set a schedule that works to meet their needs and the needs of the families with whom they work. You will be able to work on your own as well as part of a dynamic team in family friendly environments. Making a difference in the lives of children and families is what early intervention is all about!

### **What is Early Intervention?**

We know that when we work with children early on, it makes a difference in their learning and development for the rest of their lives. Vital connections are occurring in young brains at a rapid rate. As an early intervention provider, you will have an opportunity to help form the foundation for children's future learning and development. Early Interventionists help families learn the skills they need to help their children be successful.

Early Intervention is a federally and state funded and regulated program for children birth through two years who have been identified with a developmental delay or have been diagnosed with a condition that has a high probability of resulting in a delay. In Colorado, Early Intervention Colorado is coordinated through the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division for Developmental Disabilities.

### **How are Early Intervention Services Provided?**

Early Intervention services are family-centered. Families work together as a team with professionals to develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). This plan identifies the strategies, supports and services necessary to reach developmental outcomes identified by the family and the rest of the IFSP team. An Early Interventionist's work with young children and families is guided by this plan.

### **Where are Early Intervention Services Provided?**

Early Intervention services are provided where the child lives, plays and learns. Service settings may include the child's home, a childcare center, a relative's home, or other community settings. The IFSP team identifies learning opportunities that occur within the family's typical, daily routines. Early Intervention professionals provide

support and guidance to families to enhance those natural learning opportunities and to help their child achieve the identified developmental outcomes.

***"The hardest thing about having a child with a disability is losing hope. The Early Intervention program brought that hope back into our lives. My child would not have made such great progress without the interventionists who came to our home. Now I know that my child's future is bright."***

—Parent

