



# Tip Sheet: The Intersection of Early Intervention and Home Visiting



## Questions for reflection

- What is early intervention?
- Do I know about the early intervention services provided through the Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program in NM?
- How do I know when to refer a family to early intervention?
- How might home visiting and early intervention work together?
- How do I refer a family to early intervention?

## Things to consider

- As part of preparation with a family or caregiver, consider what the conversation might look like with the family if there are concerns about a child's development.

- Early intervention has four unique components: family-centered orientation, natural learning environments, collaborative team processes, and service integration.
- Just like home visiting, early intervention can support a child to be healthy, happy, and successful.
- Think about how the services would look if a family might benefit from home visiting and early intervention.
- Think about what agency might best fit the family you are already supporting as a home visitor.
- What support does early intervention provide that home visiting does not?

## Collaboration

### Things to think about when families have Home Visiting and Early Intervention:

- Do the families have a true understanding of each service provided? Are there any barriers or challenges to their understanding?
- How can home visiting be involved with the transition process of early intervention?



## Training

The University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability (UNM CDD) has training for early intervention staff that help support their growth and learning. Consider taking some, or all, of these online training to help support your understanding about early intervention.

- [www.cdd.health.unm.edu/ecln](http://www.cdd.health.unm.edu/ecln)

Zero to Three offers many online trainings:

- [https://www.zerotothree.org/early-learning?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=searchads&utm\\_campaign=Parenting](https://www.zerotothree.org/early-learning?utm_source=google&utm_medium=searchads&utm_campaign=Parenting)



# Resources: Early Intervention

- Survey: Am I eligible for services?  
[https://eligibility.ececd.nm.gov/eligibility/public/home.page?dswid=2335\\_00\\_34](https://eligibility.ececd.nm.gov/eligibility/public/home.page?dswid=2335_00_34)
- Center for Parent Information & Resources:  
<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/ei-overview/>
- Early Childhood Education and Care Department-FIT Program  
<https://www.nmececd.org/fit-families/>
- Early Childhood Intervention Professional Development Center  
[www.learningei.org/images/EI\\_Resources\\_2018.pdf](http://www.learningei.org/images/EI_Resources_2018.pdf)
- Office of Early Childhood Development  
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/child-health-development/watch-me-thrive/resources>
- Start Early  
<https://www.startearly.org/>
- University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability  
<https://cdd.health.unm.edu/ecln/early-childhood-network/>
- Zero to Three  
<https://www.zerotothree.org/>



Helpful video from the NM ECECD website (website may have additional videos for other languages).

