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Intersection of Home Visiting and Early Intervention

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There are a variety of early childhood supports for families with children prenatal to age five. A couple of those that may come to mind are Home Visiting, which serves families with children from prenatal to age five, and Early Intervention, which serves families who have children from birth to age three. Questions we often hear are, what is the difference between Home Visiting and Early Intervention, and can families have both services simultaneously?

According to the Center for Development and Disability, early intervention “is a term used to describe the services and supports that are available to babies and young children with developmental delays and disabilities and their families” (CDC, 2022). Early intervention is also provided to families who may have adverse environmental factors that may affect their child’s development as they grow. While Home Visiting is a preventative service, and tools and screenings (not assessments) are provided to ensure the family receives the proper support, Early Intervention is an intervention. Through early intervention, services such as occupational and physical therapy, speech therapy, and other types of services are provided to children who have been assessed, display developmental delays, and have a diagnosis. Eligibility for the NM Family

Infant Toddler program (Early Intervention) is typically determined by a medical diagnosis or an evaluation by a qualified clinician or therapist (NM Kids, 2022). Once a child qualifies, support is provided based on the severity of the delay.

As a home visitor, there are required tools and screenings that provide information to move forward with the appropriate support for each family. Using this information, you are able to determine, with the family’s permission to engage, if early intervention is appropriate for the child. Together, a home visitor and early intervention specialist can provide the necessary care to make sure a child is on track in all areas of development and is happy, healthy, and safe.

References

Center for Disease Control and Prevention. (2022). What is Early Intervention? Retrieved from: <https://bit.ly/3cmmlHj>

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UPDATES

- The FY23 Quarter 1 narrative will be going out shortly to programs. The format has changed a little and we hope that you will find it useful to have the information in a collated format, reducing the number of documents needed for CQI. This will be due on October 14th.
- Individualized Professional Development Plans (IPDPs) and the Staffing Plan were due on 08/26/2022. If you have not yet submitted your IPDPs and Staffing Plans, please reach out to your Manager/Monitor. These are currently being reviewed for any required edits and approval. Signed copies will be returned to you so that you may keep them filed on site.
- Don't forget! Your Program Recruitment and Retention Plans are due on October 11th (revised date).
- Last, but not least - Site Visits with your Manager/Monitor will be scheduled soon.

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.

Robert A. Heinlein

Story from the Field

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It takes a village to raise a child and a community to support a family. I have witnessed great strides in collaboration with Early Intervention Agencies. It was in May of 2022 when I was assigned a family that was from out of state. There were environmental risks and the family had limited knowledge of resources and were cooperative of their need of parenting education. The challenging dynamics of being low income, having learning delays along with an adult disability, weighed heavy on the home. Unfortunately, as a result this family became homeless.

During this time the family and I found great solace and support from the surrounding community and they were referred to an early intervention agency. I give great gratitude to Tresco Tots for their collaboration with me on this case. When an Early Intervention Agency collaborates, the family builds their skills in advocacy and the child's development thrives with the support from therapists, home visitor, and parents. When there is this additional support, the family thrives. Parents are motivated to better themselves and become active participants in visits. I saw this in the family I served. The father was able to find work and the mom has gained advocacy skills for herself and in supporting her children.

Tresco Tots is not the only agency that I have had success with in collaboration. Various families I served received Early Intervention services from MECA and Aprendamos and the Home Visiting services were enhanced and benefited from the additional Early Intervention support. As community builders we strive to guide and see our families thrive.



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"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

- Coretta Scott King



Home Visiting Training Calendar



Previous COL Sessions, Articles, Tips, and Resources



September is National Infant Mortality Awareness Month!

For information and resources visit the links below:

National Healthy Start Association Infant Mortality Awareness Campaign and proclamation

NM Early Childhood Safe Sleep Initiative Online Training

Home Visiting Dates on the Horizon

<p>September 1, 2022</p> <p>Reflective Case Review (Bilingual)</p> <p>1:30-2:30 p.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>September 7, 8, 21, 22, 2022</p> <p>New Home Visitor Interactive Orientation, Sessions 1-4 p.m.</p> <p>9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>September 12, 21, 27, 2022</p> <p>Reflective Case Reviews</p> <p>9-10 a.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>September 13, 2022</p> <p>Home Visiting Community of Learners: The Intersection of Home Visiting and Early Intervention</p> <p>10-11:45 a.m., via Zoom</p>	<p>October 6, 25</p> <p>Reflective Case Reviews</p> <p>1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., via Zoom</p>
<p>October 10, 19</p> <p>Reflective Case Reviews</p> <p>9-10 a.m.</p>	<p>October 11, 2022</p> <p>Community of Learners-Home Visiting and Support for Families with Transitions</p> <p>10-11:45 a.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>October 11, 2022</p> <p>Program Recruitment and Retention Plans Due (revised date)</p>	<p>October 14, 2022</p> <p>FY 23 Quarter 1 narrative Due</p>	<p><i>Visit the HV Training Calendar link above to register!</i></p> <p><i>Individual registration is required in order to receive a certificate.</i></p>

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