



## Early Intervention Services Considerations for IFSP Team Meetings

There are many considerations the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) team should discuss when creating a plan for the child and family. The Service Coordinator is responsible for facilitating a discussion to help the team determine services necessary to reach the IFSP outcomes. The IFSP team discusses early intervention services after the development of outcomes, strategies and activities.

The following are examples of questions the IFSP team considers when discussing early intervention services:

### Family Considerations:

- What is the family's priority for the next 6-12 months?
- How will the service engage the family?
- How will the service impact the family's daily routine?
- What level of service will fit with the family's schedule?
- How will strategies and activities enhance what the family and providers are already implementing?

### Child Considerations:

- How will the service connect to current IFSP outcomes?
- Is the child making progress at the current level of service?
- Was there a change in the child's medical or developmental status?
- How will the service assist the child in participating in family and community life?
- How much time can the child tolerate given the age and developmental status of the child?
- When is the child available for services and who will participate with the child?

### Provider Considerations:

- Who did the IFSP team determine as the Primary Provider?
- Can the Primary Provider handle the outcome or does he/she need help?
- What skill sets are needed to help meet each IFSP outcome?

### Before Increasing or Adding a New Service:

- What strategies has the Primary Provider already tried to assist the child's development?
- What strategies has the Early Intervention Team (EIT) suggested?
- How long will the increase in service last? A few weeks or months?
- How will increasing the level of service impact the family's schedule?
- When a new service is suggested, how will the new provider work with existing providers?
- How much time does the child have left in First Steps? Does the child have a summer third birthday?

Once individual providers have been selected, the IFSP team discusses the method (e.g., direct, consultation, joint visit), location, frequency, and length of services necessary to achieve each outcome.