

Early Intervention Family Resources

The Bureau of Early Intervention Services and Family Supports (BEISFS), Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), supports families in meeting the developmental needs of their children. To enhance families' knowledge and skills, BEISFS has a range of resources for families in Early Intervention.

Linking With Other Families

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania

Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania (P2P of PA) links families of children and adults with developmental delays, disabilities, or special health care needs on a one-to-one basis with a Peer Supporter for support and information. P2P of PA is the umbrella organization for PA Early Intervention Family Engagement & Leadership opportunities. Services are free and confidential.

Website: www.parenttoparent.org. **Contact:** info@parenttoparent.org; 1-888-727-2706

Family Connections for Language and Learning

Family Connections for Language and Learning, an affiliate program of P2P of PA, serves families of children who are deaf/hard of hearing by matching them with a team of experienced parents of children who are deaf/hard of hearing and deaf/hard of hearing adults. They help families navigate the Early Intervention system and explore communication opportunities for their child. Services are free and confidential.

Brochure: <https://bit.ly/FamilyConnectionsforLanguageandLearning>

Contact: FamilyConnections@tiu11.org; 1-800-360-7282 (in PA only) or Voice/Text: 717-580-0839

Parent Cafes

P2P of PA hosts Parent Cafes for Pennsylvania families who have young children (ages 0 to 5) receiving Early Intervention or Home Visiting/Family Supports Services. Parent Cafes use structured, small group conversations to facilitate transformation and healing within families, build community, develop peer-to-peer relationships, and engage families as partners in the programs that serve them. Parent Cafes are a chance to meet and talk with other families about the joys and challenges of parenting.

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Leadership Development

Competence and Confidence: Partners in Policymaking Early Intervention (C2P2EI)

C2P2EI is a leadership training program for families with children who receive Early Intervention services. C2P2EI provides up-to-date information on best practices, resources, and policy issues. C2P2EI participants learn about the Infant/Toddler and Preschool Early Intervention System, have opportunities to connect with other families and build their skills to advocate for their family and others.

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Parents as Partners in Professional Development (P3D)

P3D brings together families of children who have received Early Intervention services with opportunities to contribute to professional development. In certain instances, OCDEL is able to reimburse families for expenses and provide consulting fees for their time and experience.

Padlet: <https://bit.ly/padletP3D>; **Sign Up:** <https://bit.ly/P3Dsignup>

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Advisory Groups

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)

The SICC is a governor appointed advisory board of parents, representatives from the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and other members to advise these departments on the Pennsylvania Early Intervention System.

SICC Meet and Greet: Directly before the SICC Meeting, families who have children who are currently receiving Early Intervention are invited to attend the SICC Family Meet and Greet. The Meet and Greet is a great opportunity to learn more about the SICC meetings and ways to participate, as well as to connect, network, and share resources with other families. **For More Information:** <https://bit.ly/PASICC>

Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICCs)

LICCs are local groups, generally one in each county, that work together to enhance Early Intervention supports and services. LICCs include families, Infant Toddler and Preschool leadership at the local level, Early Intervention providers, Head Start, health agencies, and other community organizations.

For More Information: <https://bit.ly/PASICC>

Pennsylvania Parent Centers

Federally-funded Pennsylvania Parent Centers are available to provide information, resources, and training opportunities to educate families about all aspects of Early Intervention and Special Education (from birth to age 21).

Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center (PEAL)

The PEAL Center helps parents with individual information and technical assistance and training, including leadership training for families of children with disabilities and special health care needs. PEAL also helps families with access to health care, health insurance, and services at home and in the community through the PEAL Family to Family Health Information Center.

Website: www.pealcenter.org. **Contact:** info@pealcenter.org; 1-866-950-1040

Hispanos Unidos para Niños Excepcionales (HUNE)

HUNE serves, but is not limited to, Spanish-speaking families across the state that provides free bilingual (English and Spanish) programs, supports, and services on all aspects of special education.

Website: www.huneinc.org. **Contact:** contactus@huneinc.org; 1-215-425-6203

Mission Empower

Mission Empower serves Erie County families who have children with the full range of disabilities, from birth to age 26, through individual assistance, advocacy, training, and facilitation of parent involvement in their child's school.

Website: www.missionempower.org. **Contact:** advocate@missionempower.org; 1-855-825-0788

CONNECT Helpline

Early Intervention Services (EI) are provided for eligible children with delays or disabilities and their families. Families can learn more about EI or their local EI program by contacting the CONNECT Helpline.

Website: [Early Intervention \(pa.gov\)](http://Early Intervention (pa.gov)). **Contact:** help@connectpa.net; 800-692-7288

Early Intervention Technical Assistance Portal

The Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA) portal is free and available to families with young children with developmental disabilities and Early Intervention (EI) professionals who support them. The EITA Portal houses resources, professional development courses, training opportunities and topics of interest related to early childhood and EI.

Website: <http://www.eita-pa.org/families/>