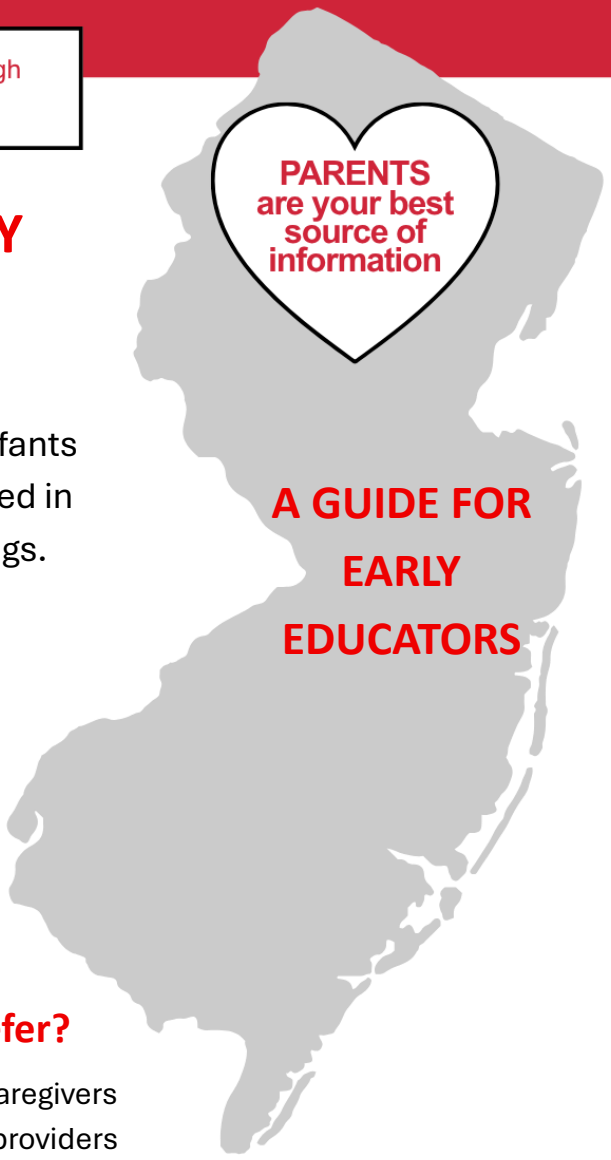
New Jersey MAP to Inclusive Child Care Team

VISION: All children in New Jersey will have equal access to affordable, high quality, developmentally appropriate and culturally competent child care.



EARLY INTERVENTION IN NEW JERSEY

Helping Your Child Thrive from the Start

A GUIDE FOR EARLY EDUCATORS

What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention provides developmental services for infants and toddlers (ages 0-3) with delays or disabilities, delivered in natural learning environments, including child care settings.

When to Refer a Child:

Consider Early Intervention if you notice concerns with a child's:

- Speech or communication
- Motor skills or movement
- Social-emotional development
- Behavior or play skills
- Overall development

Why Refer to Early Intervention?

- No diagnosis required
- Free evaluation and service coordination
- Working together with families & providers
- Inclusive support within child care settings (push in services)
- Helps children succeed before age 3

Who Can Refer?

- Parents / Caregivers
- Child care providers
- Family child care (FCC) providers
- Early educators
- Pediatricians

NJ MAP TO INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE

SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

How to Refer:

Encourage families to call New Jersey Early Intervention at the statewide toll-free number: 1-888-653-4463, **OR** contact their local county's Early Intervention Program directly for free evaluations and services for developmental delays. No doctor referral is needed. However, communication with the child's pediatrician is strongly encouraged. For county contact, visit: **nj.gov/health/fhs/eis/**

Early identification makes a lifelong difference!

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