

## On your path...

This brochure has been compiled from comments and questions of parents who have used the Cause & Effect Foundation Early Intervention Service for their child. We hope that some of their experience on this journey will help and equip you with the tools necessary in finding the right program for your child.



Walking hand in hand with you on this journey...

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FOUNDATION would like to thank

...the many parents who have shared their insightful experiences with us over the years enabling us to pass on this resource to many other families who are embarking on the path of Early Intervention.

Finding the right fit for my child...



# Early Intervention

## Where do I start?

As you begin the journey to find the right fit of an early intervention program for your child's needs, parents have found the following questions to be a helpful guide.

# Before you begin

## ▶ Referral Process & Funding...

- How do I get an Early Intervention Service for my child?
- Does the Referral Process cost me anything?
- What is PUF?
- What does PUF cover?
- Who gets PUF funding?



## Parent Expectations

- What is expected of me as a parent in the Community based program? In a Center Based Program?
- Is there help available for transitioning my child from your program into ECS? Kindergarten?
- What is the ratio of special needs children to typical children?
- Will my child have typical talking peers to model from?
- Is transportation required or provided to and from your program?
- What is the distance from my home to your program?
- What type of transportation is needed? Bus, Assistant driving, parent driving, taxi, etc?
- Who pays for the transportation? How much is it?

## Programming Considerations

- What is the difference between an Community based program and a Center Based Program?
- Is Preschool a part of your program?
- Which type of program is better suited for my family? Center Based or Community based?
- How much Therapy will my child receive?
- What is direct Therapy?
- What is Consultation?
- What does a Multidisciplinary team mean?
- What therapy's are available?
- How often will my child see each Therapist?
- Does your program have filled staff and consultant positions?
- Are your therapists, pediatric therapists?
- What is expected of me as a parent in a Community Based Program? In a Center Based Program?
- Will there be an Assistant who works with my child? Or will the assistant be working with a group of children?
- What are your Assistants qualifications?
- How often do the assistants work with my child?
- Who pays for the Assistant to work with my child?



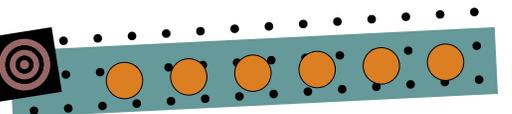
What does my child need?



- How is independence promoted in working with an assistant?
- What is the typical time frame for filling an assistant vacancy?

## Therapists

- What does a . . .
  - \* Speech Language Pathologist do?
  - \* Occupational Therapist do?
  - \* Physical Therapist do?
  - \* Special Education Teacher do?
- Do you have a Behavior Strategist working with your children? What do they do?
- Does your program cluster children for therapy?
- Do I get one on one time with a Therapist?
- How involved will I be in the program as a parent?
- What is an IPP?
- Who writes the IPP?
- What is my input to the IPP? Team input?
- How does communication work between your program and me?
- How often will I have to talk to the Therapists? Administration?



Never be shy or embarrassed about asking questions! You are your child's advocate!

