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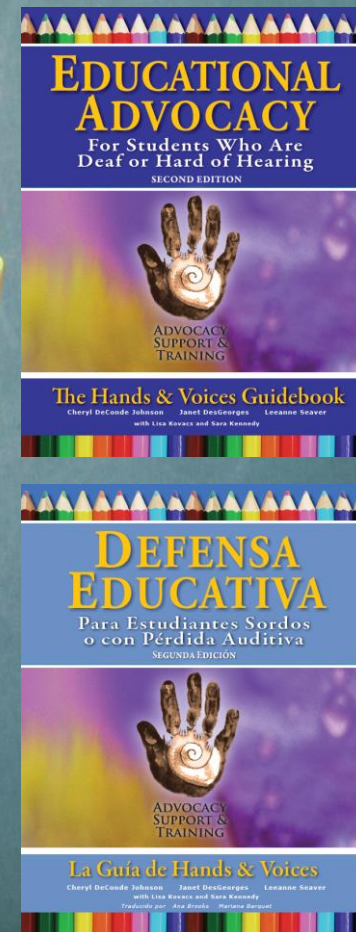
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Early Intervention: Advocacy in the Early Years

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Webinar Objectives

1. Understand the components of early intervention as defined by the IDEA and guiding policy statements.
2. Describe family-centered early intervention.
3. Understand typical advocacy topics faced by families in early intervention.
4. Learn about resources and strategies that can help both families and professionals with advocacy topics.





Join us for some alphabet soup!

ADA- Americans with Disabilities Act

EI- Early Intervention

JCIH- Joint Committee on Infant Hearing

FCEI- Family Centered Early Intervention

IDEA Part C- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C

What is an IFSP?



A written plan with goals, supports, and services for an eligible child and their family.

Developed by a team of experts, including the family!

Family centered- matches the priorities and routines of the family.

An IFSP is the promise of a partnership.

Evaluation & Quality IFSP Goals



Overall Purpose of Part C:

Who's on the *evaluation* team?

Initial IFSP Goals: based on evaluation data with input from parents' priorities with their consent

When is the plan updated?

Requirement: Re-evaluate before the 3rd birthday (*JCIH recommends 6 month intervals ending just before the 3rd birthday*)

Considerations in Early Intervention



Who's on the IFSP team?

Service Coordinator and...

Qualifications of Staff: JCIH
guidance

Natural Environments

Where to Learn More

[Educational Advocacy for Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Hands & Voices Guidebook](#),
2nd edition 2023 (*new EI Chapter*)

[NCHAM EHDI E-book](#), Ch. 18:
Family Centered Early Intervention Programming for Infants and Toddlers who are Deaf/Hard of hearing,
by Marilyn Sass-Lehrer, PhD and Sarah Honigfeld, MA

[OSEP: Early Intervention Program](#)
Eligibility, Laws, Caselaw, Guidance, FAQs

[NAD: Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers](#) with links for more on IFSPs

Family-Friendly Resources

- [Parent's Guide to JCIH EI Recommendations](#)
- [8 Reasons to Say Yes to EI](#)
- [5 Reasons to Say Yes to Assessments](#)
- [Making a Plan for Your Child: IFSP Considerations \(CDC\)](#)
- [Wrightslaw: Early Intervention](#)

 Hands & Voices Facebook Groups for Parents: D/HH Plus, UHL, Military, Fostering Joy

[H&V Library](#): Articles by parents
[Zero to Three](#): Translating brain science of early childhood into services and resources



Challenges Families Encounter



Specialists vs. Primary Service Provider Model

Eligibility: UHL

Intensity of Services

Family Support

DHH Plus & Complexities

CLD Families - Language of the Heart

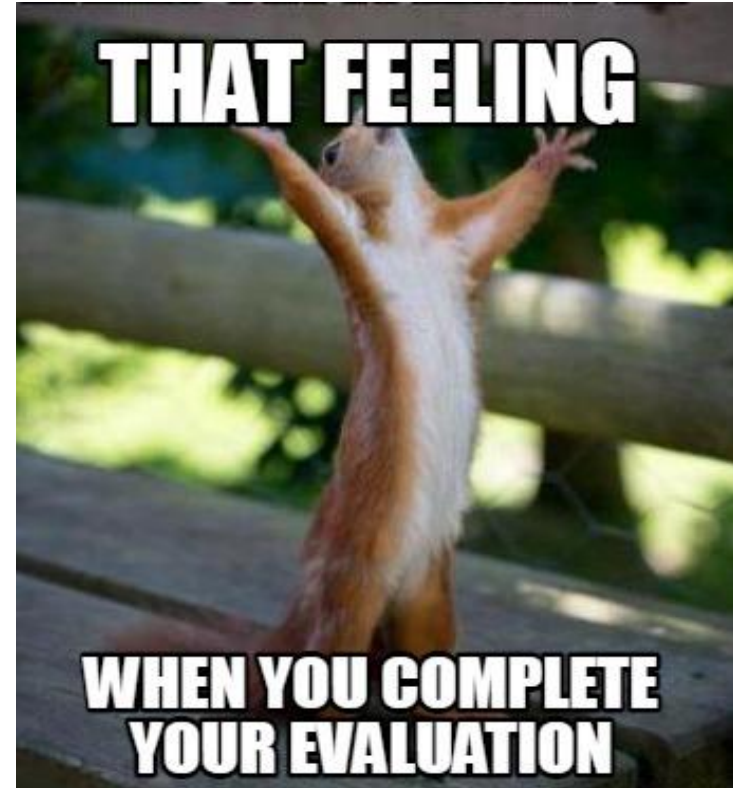
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