



## Who Is a Parent Contact?

A Parent Contact is a family member who is currently receiving Early Intervention (EI) services for his/her child, who volunteers to receive information from the Parent Leadership Project and share it with other families.

## Why Become a Parent Contact?

- To receive and share information with other families about upcoming skill-building opportunities and ways to get more involved in the Early Intervention system.
- To attend the annual Massachusetts Early Intervention Consortium conference, at no direct charge (*conference registration, parent dinner & hotel accommodations covered by the Parent Leadership Project*)
- To share news with the Parent Leadership Project about family involvement activities at your program.

The PLP seeks to have one Parent Contact for each Early Intervention Program.

## What Are the Benefits of Having Parent Contacts? It's a win-win situation!

- **Parent Contacts** are important members of the Early Intervention Parent Network who receive exciting information from the Parent Leadership Project to share with other families.
- **Families** in Early Intervention programs receive first-hand information about training opportunities, workshops, and meetings that help them become better advocates for their children.
- **EI Programs** benefit by having an informed parent constituency who strive to build collaborative partnerships with programs who provide services to children and families

For more information about this or other opportunities for involvement, please call the Parent Leadership Project toll-free at (877) 353-4757 or visit [www.eiplp.org](http://www.eiplp.org)

### **Benefits of Family Involvement as a Parent Contact**

#### Benefits for Families

- To receive the Parent Perspective Newsletter
- To be better informed of opportunities available for all families
- Actively learn about resources
- Create connections through networking
- Continually feel valued and respected
- Opportunity to attend the MEIC conference and Annual Parent Networking Dinner

#### Benefits for the EI Program

- Conduit to fulfill the requirement of the EI Operational Standards
- Enhance team-building opportunities
- Build greater awareness of issues important to families
- Assist in creating a well informed constituency that enhances collaboration
- Gain valuable feedback from families
- Provide extended supports