

MASSACHUSETTS EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)

Home Visits



What will my visit look like?

During your home visit, you, your child and your Early Intervention Specialist will:

- Learn about things your family does every day, such as eating meals, baths or a trip to the grocery store. Are these things easy? Are they hard? How does your child do these things with you?
- Come up with strategies to support Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) outcomes.
- Help you discover ways to practice skills in your daily activities.
- Help make sure you and your child are feeling confident learning new skills while enjoying the activities you do as a family.

You are an important part of the EI visit. You play the most important role in accomplishing the IFSP outcomes for your family.

Why do we do visits this way?

Massachusetts Early Intervention uses research to guide our home visits. We focus on three concepts in our work with families:

1. Infants and toddlers learn best through lots of practice during daily activities.
2. You have the greatest impact on your child's progress. You are with your child every day. Early Intervention is only with your family for a short time.
3. The EI Specialist supports your relationship with your child.

We use the principles from the Parents Interacting with Infants (PIWI)* to guide our home visits. PIWI helps parents and caregivers as well as infants and toddlers feel good about what they are doing together and individually. Massachusetts EI wants children and families to be active and successful in all they do throughout their lives.



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*T. Yates, J. McCollum. Parents Interacting with Infants (PIWI). Center of the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning, 2015.