

# EARLY INTERVENTION PROCESS

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## MULTI-DISCIPLINARY EVALUATION

PA regulations require:

- 1) Each child referred receives a MDE & family-directed assessment
- 2) MDE is Independent of service provision
- 3) MDE is conducted annually
- 4) Written report to parent within 30 days

Eligibility is determined according to:

- Diagnosed condition with high probability of delay
- 25% delay in one or more developmental areas
- 1.5 standard deviation in one or more developmental areas
- Informed Clinical Opinion

If child is eligible then:

### IFSP

Individual Family Service Plan

If child qualifies IFSP will be created at the evaluation meeting

Participants Include:

- 1) Parent
- 2) Other family members
- 3) Advocate at parent request
- 4) Service Coordinator
- 5) Persons involved with evaluation

## Family Interview

Includes the following:

- ✓ Family Assessment & Information Gathering
- ✓ Procedural Safeguards
- ✓ Determine MDE Team
- ✓ Discussion Regarding Transition
- ✓ Ages & Stages Screening

## TRACKING

Definition of At-Risk Children:

- Birth weight under 1500 grams
- NICU care
- Born to chemically dependent mother
- Substantiated abuse or neglect
- Elevated lead levels
- Homelessness

## SERVICE DELIVERY

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Implementation of the IFSP

## Transition

Beginning with the Initial IFSP