COVID-19 has altered the delivery of services for families involved in the Early Intervention Birth to Three Program. Overnight we pivoted from providing in-person supports to using tele-intervention to conduct evaluations and provide ongoing supports.

**Here’s What You Need to Know About Evaluations:**
We continue to complete tele-evaluations to assess a child’s development to determine eligibility for services through video conferencing or phone conferencing. When necessary, an in-person developmental assessment can also be completed while adhering to CDC, PA Department of Health and Governor Wolf’s Targeted Mitigation Efforts.

**When a Child is found Eligible for Early Intervention Services:**
Currently, we continue to use tele-intervention through video conferencing and phone conferencing for Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) services. In-person supports can be considered when there are barriers to implementing tele-intervention to include access issues, lack of progress, or an intermittent need to address an outcome. The decision of how services will be provided is a team discussion where the family and caregivers are a part of the decision-making process.

Services provided include: Support Coordination, Social Work, Speech Therapy, Special Instruction, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy. We also assist with making referrals to other programs and share information about local resources.

*Providing any type of in-person services depends on the family’s ability to follow the required guidelines and the COVID testing/cases in our County. At any time, we may be required to cease any in person assessments and services.

**Making a Referral:**
Our referral process is fast and easy for your family. A referral to Early Intervention can be completed by anyone who has contact with the child including parents, relatives, childcare staff, and medical professionals, etc. Once the family/caregiver agrees, we will proceed with the referral.

**If your child is between the ages of birth to three years old:**
Referrals can be made by contacting the Lancaster County Early Intervention office at (717) 399-7323 or by sending a fax to (717) 399-7396.
Early Intervention referrals can also be made to the CONNECT helpline at 1-800-692-7288.

**If your child is between the ages of three to five years old** and they reside in Lancaster or Lebanon County, please contact the Intermediate Unit #13 Preschool Early Intervention Program to make a referral at (717) 606-1601 or (888) 745-0771.

Lancaster County Early Intervention’s trained professionals coach and provide families with developmental knowledge, strategies, and resources that they can use in their everyday lives that encourage their child to think, learn, move, talk, and become more independent.

The only requirements are that the child be between the ages of birth to three years old, the family have a concern for development, and the child reside in Lancaster County, PA.

For more information please visit: https://www.lancastercountybhds.org/35/Early-Intervention