Early Intervention Referral Messaging for Audiologists

- Communication/language development starts NOW, long before a child's first words. This is a critical time for brain development!
- Research shows that children receiving early intervention *before six months of age* have greater vocabulary and language outcomes than those who enroll later.
- I (Audiologist) will refer your child to the Parent Infant Program (PIP), which works together with your local Early Intervention (EI) program.
- Based on your child's diagnosis, they are AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE for PIP and Early Intervention.
- PIP provides FREE, specialized services for children ages birth to three with various hearing levels.
- PIP Advisors are teachers licensed to help children with hearing loss develop language.
- Early Intervention is a program where licensed and credentialed professionals coach families how to support all areas of their child's development.
- You are the MOST IMPORTANT member of your child's PIP and Early Intervention team; you will work together to develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) that contains services and goals for your child and family.
- PIP and Early Intervention services can help to prevent speech/language, cognitive, and social-emotional delays.
- We want to get started helping your child right away, because the sooner the better!
- Someone from PIP or EI will contact you in the next few weeks to schedule a time to meet.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where are PIP and Early Intervention services provided?

PIP and EI team members will provide services in your home. They will come to you. You don't have to go anywhere.

Why do they meet me at my home? Shouldn't I be attending a clinic to help my child?

Children learn best when they are in a safe, comfortable environment with someone they trust and love. Your home and community are great places for learning! The relationship you have with your child opens doors for development! PIP teaches strategies that you can apply to your established routines, so they feel natural and achievable.

Where can I go to get more information about PIP and EI?

- Parent Infant Program (https://www.usdb.org/programs/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing/parent-infant-program-pip-for-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-children/)
- Baby Watch Early Intervention Program (https://familyhealth.utah.gov/oec/baby-watch-early-intervention/)

Which local EI program am I going to work with?

The local EI programs are assigned based on the area in which you live in the state. You can find your local program at Baby Watch Early Intervention Program (https://familyhealth.utah.gov/oec/baby-watch-early-intervention/)

How long will my child receive PIP and EI services?

Your child may be eligible for services until their 3rd birthday.

What happens after my child turns 3?

The local school district is responsible for providing special education services for children age 3 and older, although there are other options that are available. Your local EI program will prepare your child and family for school- or community-based services in the months prior to your child's 3rd birthday.

What if I don't want to receive PIP or Early Intervention services?

Participation is 100% voluntary. You can discontinue services at any time. Keep in mind that it's easier to prevent delays than to try and address them later.

How much does PIP and Early Intervention (EI) cost?

PIP services are free. EI services are free if any family member is enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP, WIC Early Head Start, or TANF. For families not enrolled in these programs there is a flat monthly family fee for EI services (e.g., speech, occupational, or physical therapy). All EI evaluations, assessments, and service coordination are free.

How much is the monthly family fee for EI services?

The monthly family fee is based on family size and income. The Sliding Scale that determines your family fee is available at Baby Watch Early Intervention Program (https://familyhealth.utah.gov/oec/baby-watch-early-intervention/).

Will PIP or Early Intervention bill my insurance?

No. PIP does not bill private insurance as all their services are free. Early Intervention does not accept private insurance. Early Intervention will bill Medicaid or CHIP for your child's early intervention services if your child is currently enrolled in a public insurance program.