

Getting Started on the EIC

If you're interested in joining the EIC we'll provide you with information that will get you started:

- Committee goals and priorities
- Committee workplan
- Recent reports
- Minutes from past meetings
- List of acronyms and initials used in early intervention
- Schedule of upcoming meetings
- Volunteer opportunities
- Contact information of other members
- Teleconference instructions
- Other things you may request

Why the Early Intervention Committee is important

What past and current members of EIC say:

"The Early Intervention Committee is important because it bridges parents with policy makers."

Nikke Kinne,
Advocate, Fairbanks

"ILP means the parents' lifeline to success. Home based services relieve some of the stress associated with having a special needs infant."

Rebecca Soverns, Foster Mom
Palmer, Alaska

"The family support is extremely important. It really helps to know there are others going through similar situations and that you are not alone. This same support has helped me to do the job I do - to help empower other families as I have been empowered."

Donna Jordan, Chair of EIC, Advocate and Mother of three (two experience Autism)

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About Alaska's
Interagency
Coordinating Council
and
the Early Intervention
Committee

Creating Change
That Improves the
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With Disabilities

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The Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education

The Council has assisted thousands of Alaskans to live, work, learn, recreate and worship in their own homes and communities. The Governor's Council fulfills a variety of roles.

Special Education Advisory Panel

We provide advice and assistance to the Department of Education & Early Development.

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

We are advisory to the Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

We are advisory to the Division of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities.

We make recommendations to the **Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority**

The Council is the governing Board of Alaska's **Special Education Service Agency**

The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

Every state has a group of parents, service providers, agency leaders and others who make up the Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (ICC) that is part of the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). **The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education is Alaska's ICC.**

This interagency group advises and assists the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services in matters related to the statewide system of early intervention, also known in Alaska as the **Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program (EI/ILP)**.

What does the ICC do?

- The ICC functions under IDEA include advising and assisting in matters such as:
- Eligibility criteria
 - Ensuring appropriate and timely delivery
 - Individualized family service plan (IFSP) and service coordination
 - Comprehensive child find and referral system
 - Public awareness program
 - Comprehensive system of personnel development
 - Procedural safeguards

The Early Intervention Committee (EIC)

The EIC is a standing committee of the Governor's Council. It meets monthly by teleconference. Members include parents of infants or toddlers with disabilities, service providers, others who are involved in the agencies that provide services to infants, toddlers & families.

What does the EIC do?

The committee works on priority issues and activities related to the smooth operation of Alaska's family-centered statewide Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program. Committee members may be involved in workgroups that are conducting

- research
- planning
- monitoring
- advocacy

Family participation on all committees of the Council is welcomed and encouraged. It's a great way to participate in the continuing development of the EI/Infant Learning Program.

Can you get involved?

Yes! Call us at 888-269-8990!

