



Illinois Early Intervention Extended Services

Early Intervention Extended Services will be available for eligible Early Intervention Families

Illinois law, 325 IL CS, Section 11, was amended by SB0820, Amendment 002. This legislation goes into effect in January of 2022, applies to children with May 1 through August 31 birthdays, and provides eligible families the option to extend Illinois Early Intervention (EI) services past the child's third birthday. If a child meets the criteria, families will be offered the option to continue with EI services until the beginning of the next school year.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for Early Intervention Extended Services (EI/ES), the child must:

- be determined eligible for early intervention, and have an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- have their third birthday between May 1 and August 31
- be found eligible for early childhood special education services under IDEA and Section 14-8.02 of Public Act 102-0209 (Section 11h).

What are the options?

Eligible families who wish to participate in educational services after their child turns three will be presented with two options:

- Option one allows for families to continue the services on their IFSP through the summer months with their current EI provider(s) and then begin early childhood special education services at the beginning of the school year following the child's third birthday.
- Option two allows families to exit early intervention and begin early childhood special education services through their local school district as of the implementation date listed on their IEP.

NOTE: Once a family exits early intervention after their child reaches age 3, they cannot re-enter the early intervention system under the Early Intervention Extended Services option.

When and how will this change?

- Changes to 325 IL CS, Section 11 will go into effect as of January 2022 for children with qualifying summer birthdays beginning May 1, 2022. See [link](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/102/SB/10200SB0820sam002.htm) for the amended changes. (Link: <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/102/SB/10200SB0820sam002.htm>)
- We are currently working to identify needs from multiple perspectives. More information will be shared as the policies and procedures impacted by the amendment are updated to meet state and federal early intervention requirements. Some items being reviewed include data system changes, insurance use/family fees, transition planning and any necessary timeline changes between Part C and Part B, consents, data collection, child outcome collection, and required meetings. If you have additional concerns and would like to email them to the Bureau, send them to Heather Hofferkamp at heather.hofferkamp@illinois.gov.



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- be found eligible for an Individualized Education Program (IEP) This [link](#) includes details regarding Early Childhood Special Education eligibility. (Link: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Parent-Guide-Special-ED-Aug20.pdf>)

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This legislation will permanently go into effect for children with qualifying summer birthdays beginning in 2022. This [link](#) will take you to the legislation. (Link:

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/102/SB/10200SB0820sam002.htm>)

Where can families go to get more information about their options for transition?

- Contact your Child and Family Connections Office
- Contact the Early Intervention Clearinghouse for resources (<https://eiclearinghouse.org/>)
- Contact your Parent Training and Information Center to talk to other parents about this decision:
 - Family Resource Center on Disabilities which serves the Chicagoland area (www.frccd.org)
 - Family Matters which serves the rest of the state (<https://www.fmptic.org/>)