

**Early
Intervention
Required
Services:**

- ◆ Evaluation, Assessment, and Individual Family Service Plan
- ◆ Assistive Technology
- ◆ Audiology Services
- ◆ Family Training, Counseling and Home Visits
- ◆ Health Services
- ◆ Medical Diagnostic Services
- ◆ Nursing Services
- ◆ Nutritional Services
- ◆ Occupational Therapy
- ◆ Physical Therapy
- ◆ Psychological Services
- ◆ Family Resources Coordination
- ◆ Social Work
- ◆ Special Instruction
- ◆ Speech
- ◆ Language Pathology
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Vision Services

INFANT TODDLER EQUITY ACT (ITEA)

Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP)
Federally Required Program Under IDEA, Part C
A Good Beginning for Children Birth to Three with
Disabilities and Their Families

Early Intervention Services are a vital part of the Developmental Disabilities community system and are an effective intervention program. In Washington State, from October 2006 through September 2007, 26% of children exiting the ITEIP did not need special education services by their third birthday.

However, An Inequity Exists With The County Developmental Disabilities Funding:

ITEIP is charged with coordinating funds from three state sources: School Districts, County Developmental Disabilities, and Health agencies to offer a comprehensive system.

The Legislature has not designated Developmental Disabilities funds to the counties for the required Early Intervention services.

Therefore, Developmental Disabilities funding is not utilized in all counties to provide required services to eligible children. Counties are forced to use money that could have served adults to maintain this required children's program.

Access to appropriate birth to three services should not depend on where a child lives!

We Are Asking For:

Designated County Developmental Disabilities base rate funding for each eligible child to provide the required services.

The Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program needs to be Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) forecasted and caseload driven. ITEIP is an entitlement program that has experienced an average growth of 8% statewide for each of the last five years.

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In order to ensure equitable funding Statewide for infants and toddlers with disabilities:

1. A designated County Developmental Disabilities base rate funding will be established for each eligible child to provide the required State services.
 - a. 4,412 enrolled infants and toddlers, based on the December 1, 2006, count x \$2,400 base rate funding = \$10,588,800.
 - b. Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) will continue to fund existing County Developmental Disabilities Early Intervention Services at the maintenance of effort level of \$5,086,097.
 - c. Therefore, the total fiscal impact of new dollars: \$5,502,703 per year.
2. The Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) will be Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) forecasted and caseload driven.
 - a. ITEIP is a required program currently serving 1.8% of children birth to three in Washington State, a total of 8,214 children in 2006 – 2007.
 - b. ITEIP expects 4.3% biennial increase per child for ongoing increase in service costs.
 - c. ITEIP has experienced an average growth of 8% statewide for each of the last 5 years and expects to reach the nationally accepted incidence rate of 2.3% by 2010.

INFANT TODDLER EQUITY ACT (ITEA) SUPPORTERS

- ◆ Washington State Interagency Coordinating Council for Infant and Toddlers with Disabilities
- ◆ Association of County Human Services
- ◆ Washington State Special Education Coalition
- ◆ Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council
- ◆ Early Childhood Development Association of Washington
- ◆ ARC of Washington State
- ◆ Autism Society of Washington State
- ◆ Community Advocacy Coalition
- ◆ Family Voices of Washington
- ◆ Washington PAVE
- ◆ King County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Pierce County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Snohomish County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Grays Harbor County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Kitsap County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Whatcom County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Clark County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Spokane County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Benton-Franklin County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Jefferson County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Lewis County Parent Coalition
- ◆ Thurston County Parent Coalition
- ◆ SOAR of King County

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