

What to Expect During an Early Intervention Visit:

As a parent or caregiver, you are the expert on your child and are his or her best teacher! You can support your child's development through the many natural learning opportunities that happen during everyday activities and routines. Research tells us that children learn best with the people, places and things they are familiar with, love, trust, and enjoy.

Each Early Intervention visit should include.

JOINT PLANNING: At the start of the visit, you and the provider will talk about strategies you have tried with the child and any new issues or concerns. You will agree on what to work on during the current visit.

OBSERVATION: Your provider may join in what you and the child are already doing when he or she arrives, or you may start an activity you want to focus on during the visit. Your provider observes you and your child interacting during everyday routines, shows you strategies to help with concerns, and then asks you to try the strategies.

ACTION/PRACTICE: This step includes working with your provider to practice new ways to help your child meet goals and **conversation** about how to build strategies you have learned into your daily routines.

REFLECTION: At this step, you and your provider will discuss what strategies worked and what did not work and why. You will explore what you can try next time.

FEEDBACK: Your provider will share information and help you figure out what strategies will help you meet goals for the child.

JOINT PLANNING: At the end of the visit, you and your provider will decide what you want to try with your child between visits and schedule your next visit.

INTERVENTION: This is what happens between visits with the provider. Parents and caregivers guide their child's learning by providing many opportunities to practice new skills during their daily routines and activities.

For more information about Ohio's Early Intervention program, visit our website and watch our video, "Evidence-Based Early Intervention:"

<http://ohioearlyintervention.org/>

