



COLORADO
Office of Early Childhood
Department of Human Services

Dear Early Intervention Family Member:

We know that the COVID-19 Pandemic has been especially challenging to the families that we serve in Colorado. Early Intervention Colorado (EI Colorado) continues to be amazed at how well families have adapted to the rapid changes, and prioritized their child(ren)'s well-being and healthy development, in such uncertain times.

On a statewide level, EI Colorado has needed to rapidly adapt to changes including moving all services to virtual/telehealth visits and responding to a decrease in available funds for early intervention services. This has created the need for some program changes. This letter is to make you aware of a change that may have an impact on your child's services.

The change we want to tell you about relates to the Annual IFSP Review process. The review process will look much the same as it always has: Prior to the annual review meeting, the provider(s) who work with your child will complete an assessment of all five areas of development. At the IFSP meeting you, along with the rest of your IFSP team, will discuss the results of the assessment, as well as the IFSP outcomes you have set for your child. If your child has met all of their IFSP outcomes, is at age expected levels of development, and the team determines that your child will no longer need to receive services, your child will exit from the early intervention program. If there is a new concern about your child's development later on, you may contact your local Community Centered Board (CCB) at any time.

An additional change to be aware of will only be in effect for children who are being evaluated for eligibility on July 13, 2020 or later and changes our definition of significant delay. In order for a child to be eligible for early intervention services, they must be showing a delay of 33% or greater in one or more of the five developmental areas (physical, communication, adaptive, social/emotional, cognitive). **It is important for you to know that the change in eligibility criteria will not apply to children who are currently receiving early intervention services.**

EI Colorado has carefully considered how to best serve all the children in our program given the current circumstances and have worked hard to gather stakeholder feedback. If you have any questions on either of these changes, please ask your service coordinator for additional clarification or contact us at eicolorado.org.