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<p>Today's episode discusses the Department of Human Services or DHS and Early Intervention Services.</p>	<p>Test of DHS and Early Intervention Services</p>
<p>DHS is responsible for many services related to children and families. They are in charge of Women Infants and Children (WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps, Child Care Assistance Program, and Healthy Families Illinois. Mental health, substance abuse, prevention, and treatment services are also provided through DHS. Please visit their website at <a href="http://www.dhs.state.il.us">www.dhs.state.il.us</a>. Information in this podcast can be found on that website. Early Intervention Services are just a small part of DHS.</p>	<p>DHS Webpage</p>
<p>Rules and regulations on both the State and Federal level affect the EI system. These laws and rules are meant to protect the rights of the children and families served.</p>	<p>Text of Rules and Regulations</p>
<p>The Federal Law that governs Early Intervention is the Individuals with Disabilities and Education Act or IDEA. Part C of the Act focuses on Infants and toddlers.</p>	<p>IDEA Webpage</p>
<p>According to federal law, each state providing early intervention services must designate a lead agency to provide leadership. In Illinois, DHS has been designated to be the lead agency for Early Intervention services. Illinois is governed by the Early Intervention Services System Act. 89 Illinois Administrative Code, Rule 500 dictates the policies and procedures for early intervention providers.</p>	<p>Rules and Regulations Slide</p>
<p>Children between the ages of birth to 3 years old who show signs of a developmental delay are eligible for Early Intervention services.</p>	<p>DHS Early Intervention Webpage</p>

<p>These services are provided to meet an infant’s or toddler’s developmental needs in any one or more of the following areas:</p> <p>Adaptive Cognitive Communication Physical Social or emotional</p>	<p>Domain Slide</p>
<p>A variety of services are offered, including assistive technology, screening and assessment, family training, health services, diagnostic and evaluative medical services, nutrition, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological, service coordination, social work, developmental therapy, speech language therapy and audiology, transportation, and vision.</p>	<p>Early Intervention Services Slide</p>
<p>Services are provided in three ways. Direct services include one-on-one interactions with a child and family to give parent education, intervention, and environmental support. These visits will take place at least monthly.</p> <p>Monitoring services consists of evaluation and re-evaluation of a child and family’s needs. Parents and other caregivers may also review home activities given to use with the child. This type of service may take place monthly or every 3, 6, or 9 months.</p> <p>Consultation has therapists working with one another to provide training, evaluation, or assistance about specific interventions for a child.</p>	<p>Service Provision Slide</p>
<p>Many programs, agencies, and individuals work with DHS to provide Early Intervention services. They include the Central Billing Office, Child &amp; Family Connections, EI Clearinghouse, EI Monitoring, EI Providers, EI Training, Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention, and Provider Connections. Each of these components of Early Intervention will be discussed in detail on future episodes. A brief summary of each component follows: Most entities are contracted by DHS for the services they provide.</p>	<p>Components Slide</p>

<p>The Central Billing Office or CBO processes the payment of claims to EI providers. This office enrolls providers to they may receive authorizations to provide services and bill for early intervention.</p>	<p>CBO Webpage</p>
<p>Child &amp; Family Connections or CFCs are the regional intake agencies for children and families to enter the Illinois Intervention System. Twenty-five CFCs are located throughout Illinois, serving specific geographic areas. CFCs employ credentialed Service Coordinators who assist families with intake and referrals.</p>	<p>Child &amp; Family Connections Webpage</p>
<p>The EI Clearinghouse is a free library and information resources center for parents and professionals. The library contains books, videos, CDs, DVDs, audiotapes, journal and periodical articles, along with other publications. The Clearinghouse also provides a newsletter and presents workshops and exhibits to small or large groups.</p>	<p>Clearinghouse Webpage</p>
<p>The Early Intervention Monitoring Program ensures that state and federal regulations regarding the delivery of Early Intervention services are met. Additionally, they assist families, CFCs, and providers address issues and resolve conflicts before the formal complaint process begins.</p>	<p>Monitoring Webpage</p>
<p>EI providers are dedicated professionals who serve infants and toddlers with special needs and their families. A variety of specialists and associates provide services to meet the five developmental domains of infants and toddlers. Service Coordinators, Parent Liaisons, Audiologists, Interpreters/Translators, and transportation providers also provide essential services to children and families.</p>	<p>Provider Slide</p>
<p>The EI Training Program provides training and professional development opportunities for early intervention professionals. Training includes workshops, conferences, and online modules. The Training Program also reviews and approves workshop events for EI credit.</p>	<p>Training Webpage</p>

<p>The Illinois Interagency Council on Early Intervention is a state advisory board mandated to advise the Bureau of Early Intervention about matters relating to the development and implementation of the EI system. To meet federal requirements, the council has representatives from DHS, Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois State Board of Education, parents, and individuals involved with Early Intervention.</p>	<p>Council Webpage</p>
<p>Provider Connections credentials, enrolls, and provides technical support to EI providers. The mission of Providers Connections is to ensure that professionals working in the EI system possess appropriate qualifications, enhance their professional growth, and strengthen their understanding of infants and toddlers with special needs.</p>	<p>Provider Connections Webpage</p>
<p>That's all for this episode of Early Intervention Focus. Thank you and please join me again next time.</p>	<p>Early Intervention Focus Title Page</p>
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