

FAMILY INITIATIVE COORDINATION PROJECT

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AGENDA



- Introduction
- Early Intervention Partners Training Project
- Web-based Early Intervention Program Overview Information Sessions
- Parent Panels & Focus Groups
- Early Intervention Coordinating Council Parent Member Conference Experience

PARTNERS TRAINING

Five trainings offered each contract year across New York State



- Four trainings completed so far during this contract year
- Central Region training will be completed September 26, 2026
- Builds parent knowledge, confidence, and leadership
- Personalized learning and meaningful connections with other families

EARLY INTERVENTION INFORMATION SESSIONS



Four information sessions completed this contract year

- Introduces families/caregivers to the New York State Early Intervention Program and services offered
- Reviews the Early Intervention referral process, including who can refer a child
- Provides resources and answers to participants questions
- Next Early Intervention Information Sessions are on:
 - o **Tuesday, October 6, 2026**
 - o **Monday, December 7, 2026**

PARENT PANEL / FOCUS GROUP

Three virtual focus groups have been completed this contract year



- Family feedback shared with the Department of Health
- Supports continuous improvement through family input
- Language interpretation and accessibility accommodations are available for participants upon request

Next focus group scheduled for November 16, 2026

ANNUAL FAMILY TRAINING NEEDS SURVEY

- The Annual Family Training Needs Survey provides the opportunity for parents of children in the Early Intervention Program (EIP) to identify training topics and additional resources needed for parents of children enrolled in the EIP
- Electronically disseminated once each year of the contract
- The survey was shared on the Department's listservs, website, Facebook Group, EiFamilies.com website, and with all local EIP officials, and through emails to Partners Training participants



EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL PARENT MEMBER CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

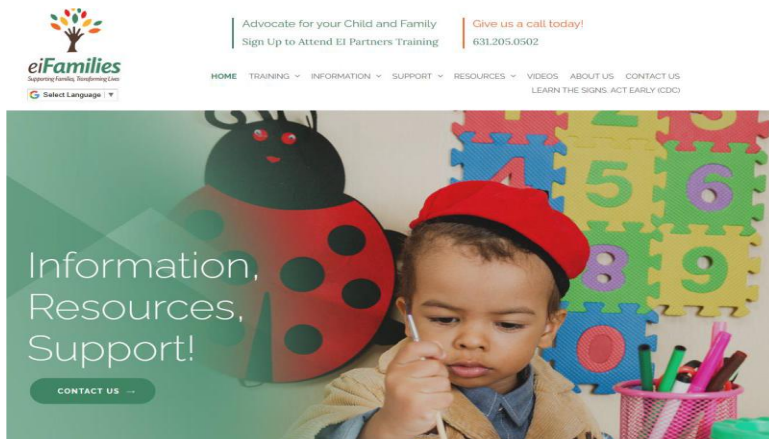
Parent Leadership Opportunities

As part of our contract, parent members have opportunities to attend professional development conferences that support leadership and family engagement



- Katie Heath, Council Parent Member
- Victoria Collins, Council Parent Member

EIFAMILIES WEBSITE



- Provides information, resources, and supports for families of children with disabilities
- The Family Initiative Coordination Services Project is sponsored by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention

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QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your time!

For more information:

- **Family Initiative Coordination Services Project**
www.eifamilies.com
- **New York State Department of Health**
Bureau of Early Intervention
https://www.health.ny.gov/community/infants_childre_n/early_intervention/

