What is Early Intervention?
Early Intervention (EI) is a family centered program individually designed to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities and to help families meet the specific needs of their child. EI supports children birth—three at no cost to the family. Research tells us that families are the most important teachers of young children. EI providers work with families to implement specific strategies during everyday routines in the child’s natural environment. This provides a child and his family many opportunities to practice new skills.

Who works in EI?
EI utilizes a multi-disciplinary approach to provide individualized support to children and families. Disciplines include:
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy (and Assistants)
- Physical Therapy (and Assistants)
- Psychology or School Psychology
- Social Work
- Speech and Language Pathology (and Assistants)
- Family Therapy
- Human Development and Family Studies

How can I start working toward a career in EI?
- Internships in Early Intervention can be done for course credit or on a volunteer basis
- Internships can occur during the fall, spring, or summer semesters
- Internship hours are flexible

What will I do as an EI intern?
Interns will shadow an EI specialist related to their academic discipline (e.g., a student studying nutrition would shadow a nutritionist working in EI). Internships offer a range of experiences, which can include, but are not limited to: assisting in home visits, completing practice child assessments, setting up play groups, learning how to implement therapies, and completing special projects.

What skills will I learn in an EI internship?
- Collaborative team approaches
- Supporting families to enhance their child’s development
- Successful strategies to work one-on-one with children and their families
- Service delivery in a home environment

How do I apply?
- Contact our office via email at grant.earlyintervention@gmail.com, or call us at 401-874-4036, to set up a meeting with our internship coordinator
- Our internship coordinator will meet with you and then link you to a potential EI internship site
- After meeting with the internship coordinator, you will contact the internship site directly for an interview
- Students must have reliable transportation as they will be traveling to various homes in the area
- Sites require BCI (Background Criminal Investigation) and CANTS (Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System) checks, which must be completed prior to interning. This may take up to two months to complete, so please plan accordingly.

Contact us!
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Early Intervention Recruitment and Retention

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WHERE HAVE STUDENTS COMPLETED INTERNSHIPS?

Children's Friend & Service
621 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
401-721-9200
www.cfsri.org/intervention.html

James L. Maher Center
120 Hillside Ave.
Newport, RI 02840
401-848-2660
www.mahercenter.org

Family Resources
Community Action
245 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
401-766-0900
www.famresri.org

Hashbro Children's Hospital
765 Allens Ave. Suite 110
Providence, RI 02905
401-444-3201

Looking Upwards
2974 East Main Road
Mailing Address: PO Box 838
Portsmouth, RI 02871
401-293-5790
www.lookingupwards.org

Family Service of RI
134 Thurbars Ave.
Providence, RI 02905
401-331-1350
www.familyserviceri.org

Meeting Street
1000 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02905
401-533-9100
Referral line: 401-533-9104
www.meetingstreet.org

Easter Seals, RI
213 Robinson Street
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-284-1000
www.eastersealsri.org

Groden Center
30 Livingston Street
Providence, RI 02904
www.grodencenter.org
401-921-1470

Seven Hills
30 Cumberland St., 1st floor
Woonsocket, RI 02895
401-775-1500
www.sevenhills.org

J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center
250 Commonwealth Ave.
Warwick, RI 02886
401-823-1731

25 West Independence Way
Kingston, RI 02881
401-284-1980
www.trudeaucenter.org

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Undergraduate and Graduate Internship Brochure

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