**Groden Center**

**Program Description:** Groden Center Early Intervention Program (EIP) is a specialty service provider within the Department of Human Service’s Early Intervention network of full-service EI programs. Since 1980, we have specialized in providing services to families with children under three years of age who have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), pervasive developmental disorder (PDD), or other language, social-emotional, and/or behavioral disorders. A child need not have a specific diagnosis in order to receive services from Groden Center EIP.

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**Internship opportunities:** Internships may be available at the Groden Center for students studying Psychology, Human Development and Family Studies, Speech and Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Early Childhood Education, Social Work or others with a strong background and interest in working in a family centered environment with children affected by Autism and other pervasive developmental disorders. Interns will have the opportunity to learn how Early Intervention services are administered.

Depending on the goals and skill level of an individual EI intern, experiences and responsibilities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Adherence with all human resources requirements including reference checks, a criminal background check and any other required processes as needed.
- Shadowing of Groden Center EI staff when they accompany staff on home visits.
- Participation in children’s groups and parent support groups, which occur 5 mornings and 2 afternoons per week.
- Internships usually include approximately 6-8 hours per week. More hours may be available by combining EI related tasks with The Livingston Center pre-school activities.
- Groden Center EI is a specialty service provider. Therefore, evaluations and assessments are not performed by Groden Center staff. Interns at this center will not have to opportunity to observe these aspects of EI. All children receiving services are involved with a full service provider who performs these activities.