

WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?

Early Intervention (EI) is a family-centered program that provides individually designed programs to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities and to help families meet the specific needs of their child. EI supports children aged birth to three years 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 or her family many opportunities to practice new skills.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN EARLY INTERVENTION



EI utilizes a multi-disciplinary approach to provide individualized support to children and their families. Disciplines include:

- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Special Education (Blind/Partial Sight, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, etc.)
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology or School Psychology
- Social Work
- Speech & Language Pathology
- Family Training & Counseling

HOW CAN YOU START WORKING TOWARD A CAREER IN EARLY INTERVENTION?

- Internships in Early Intervention can be done for course credit or for personal experience. This is not a paid opportunity.
- Internships can occur during the fall, spring, or summer semesters.
- Internship hours are flexible according to your needs.

WHAT WILL I DO AS AN INTERN?

- Interns will shadow one or a few Service Coordinators to observe a variety of visits
- Interns can assist in home visits, completing child assessments, setting up or participating in play groups, learning how to implement therapies, and completing special projects as dictated by the Service Coordinators or Supervisors

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 FOR AN EI INTERNSHIP?

- Go to <https://web.uri.edu/human-development/outreach-and-research/early-intervention-program/internships/>
- Complete the "Intern Contact Form" found in the "How to Apply" section
- Send the completed Intern Contact Form along with your most recent resume to grant.earlyintervention@gmail.com
- Our internship coordinator will contact you to set up an interview and to pair you with a potential EI internship site.
- 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.

Questions? Contact us!

Early Intervention Recruitment & Retention
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<https://web.uri.edu/human-development/outreach-and-research/early-intervention-program/>

WHERE DO STUDENTS COMPLETE INTERNSHIPS?



Children's Friend & Service

621 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
401-721-9200
www.cfsri.org

Community Care Alliance

8 Court St
Woonsocket, RI 02895
401-235-7000
www.communitycareri.org

Easter Seals, RI

320 Phillips St. #103
North Kingston, RI 02852
401-284-1006
www.eastersealsri.com

Family Service of Rhode Island

134 Thurbers Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
401-331-1350
www.familyserviceri.org

The Groden Center

610 Manton Ave.
Providence, RI 02909
401-525-2380
www.grodencenter.org

Looking Upwards, Inc

2974 East Main Road
Portsmouth, RI 02871
401-293-5790
www.lookingupwards.org

Meeting Street

1000 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02905
401-533-9100
www.meetingstreet.org

Seven Hills Rhode Island

178 Norwood Avenue
Cranston, RI 02905
or
30 Cumberland Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
401-921-1470
www.sevenhills.org

J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center

3445 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
401-823-1731
www.kentcountyarcc.net

The Fogarty Center

25 W Independence Way
Suite G
Kingston, RI 02881
401-789-4614
www.fogartycenter.org

EARLY INTERVENTION RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

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