



March 2025

Dear Parent:

The New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention (NYS DOH BEI) and the Family Initiative Coordination Services Project at Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center are sponsoring an *Early Intervention Partners Training Project*, in the Western Region this spring, for parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities, currently receiving early intervention services. This training is also for parent members of the Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council (LEICC) and its committees.

The *Early Intervention Partners Training Project* training sessions provide information, resources, and skill-building activities designed to enhance parent advocacy and leadership skills. The training sessions will help parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities gain a better understanding of the Early Intervention Program.

Parents will receive information about:

- Early intervention laws and regulations,
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) development,
- The process of transitioning out of the Early Intervention Program,
- Due process rights,
- Access to advocacy resources and supports,
- Information regarding Early Intervention Coordinating Councils (EICCs), and
- Opportunities for parent involvement.

The above will all be done while networking with other parents involved in the Early Intervention Program.

We are inviting you to sign-up to participate in this training program which is *free of charge*. All training materials will be provided. Participants attending both in person days have an option for a free overnight stay on Friday, May 2, 2025, at the Courtyard by Marriott Buffalo Airport, 4243 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York 14225 on a roommate basis (double occupancy).

Session I is a live, interactive **Webinar** to participate from your personal computer or mobile device. This web-based training is presented as an interactive webinar titled, *Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) Functional Outcomes*.

Session II is an in-person, two-day training held at the Courtyard by Marriott Buffalo Airport, 4243 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York, 14225.

If conditions warrant, this session may be held virtually.



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| Session | Day | Date | Time |
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| Session I: Interactive Webinar (Viewed on your personal computer or mobile device) | Saturday | April 5, 2025 | 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Session II: In person two-day training at Courtyard by Marriott Buffalo Airport, 4243 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York, 14225 | Friday Saturday | May 2, 2025 May 3, 2025 | 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |

If you are interested in attending, you must complete and return the enclosed sign-up sheet. You can also download a copy of the sign-up sheet or complete and submit the sign-up sheet online at <https://www.eifamilies.com>

Parents who wish to attend with a partner or another family member must submit a joint sign-up sheet.

Sign-Up sheets are due by Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Angela Furci, Family Initiative Coordinator:

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We thank you for your interest and for your cooperation by responding in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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