

## Early Childhood Support Services Guide

### Early Intervention (EI)

**Supports and services:** Designed to meet the individual developmental needs of children with a disability, as well as the needs of the family related to enhancing the child's development in one or more of the following areas:

- Physical development, including vision and hearing
- Cognitive development
- Communication development
- Social or emotional development
- Adaptive development

**Age level:** Birth to age 5

**Eligibility:** Children who have special needs due to developmental delays and disabilities are eligible.

#### **Contact**

Parents who have questions about their child's development may call the CONNECT Helpline: 1-800-692-7288 or email [help@connectpa.net](mailto:help@connectpa.net), or submit a form online.

### Infant Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH)

**Supports and Services:** Free on-site services to that enhance the social-emotional development of children. Although services are requested regarding a specific child who is exhibiting challenging behaviors, consultation services are provided to the all. Typically, services are requested due to concerns regarding the following areas:

- Aggression
- self-regulation
- attachment
- communication
- social interaction

**Age levels served:** 6 weeks to 5 years of age and who are not yet eligible for kindergarten.

**Eligibility:** Licensed child care programs in Keystone STARS

#### **Contact**

Request IECMH services by completing the [Pennsylvania Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program Request for IECMHC Services Full Application](#) (Fillable PDF). Submit the form via email [PAIECMH@pakeys.org](mailto:PAIECMH@pakeys.org) or fax 717-213-3749.

### Intermediate Unit (IU) Pre-School Early Intervention

**Services that may be offered in Early Intervention Programs:**

- Speech and Language Therapy
- Behavior Plans and Modifications
- Audiology Services
- Special Education Instruction
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Autism Services
- Psychological Evaluations

**Age level Served:** Children ages 3-5

**Eligibility:** Mandated program for ALL pre-school children with disabilities who seek them under state and federal law\*.

#### **Contact**

How to find your local IU: <https://www.paiu.org/Find-an-IU>  
IU serving Region 11

- IU16: Columiaba/Montour
  - 570.523.1155
  - <https://www.paiu.org/Sys/PublicProfile/49086757/4875145>
- IU17: Bradford/Sullivan
  - 570.323.8561
  - <https://www.paiu.org/Sys/PublicProfile/49086544/4875145>
- IU18: Wyoming/Luzerne
  - 570.287.9681
  - <https://www.paiu.org/Sys/PublicProfile/49087680/4875145>

### Intensive Behavior Health Services (IBHS)

Intensive Behavioral Health Services, or IBHS, are interventions and supports for a children, youth or young adults with mental, emotional or behavioral health needs. They can be provided in the home, school or other community setting.

**Supports & Services:**

- Applied Behavior Analysis Services
- Group Services
- Evidence-Based Therapy

**Age levels served:** birth to 21 years old

#### **Contact**

Families can search the Human Service Provider Search:

[https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/HUMAN\\_SERVICE\\_PROVIDER\\_DIRECTORY/](https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/HUMAN_SERVICE_PROVIDER_DIRECTORY/)

If you have questions regarding the licensure process please contact the applicable OMHSAS Field Office:

**Central Field Office:** 717-705-8395

Scott Liddick — [sliddick@pa.gov](mailto:sliddick@pa.gov).

**Serves:** Columbia & Montour Counties

**Northeast Field Office:** 570-963-4335

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**Serves:** Bradford, Sullivan, Wyoming, and Luzerne Counties