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Introduction to Preschool Early Intervention

Early Intervention (EI) assures that all eligible children from birth to five with developmental delays receive services and supports that maximize their development, so they are successful in any early education setting. Programs are provided to at-risk infants and toddlers or those with developmental delays, as well as to young children three and older who have disabilities and/or developmental delays.

[OCDEL-Bureau of Early Intervention Services (pa.gov)](pa.gov)

Introduction to Preschool Early Intervention

- Early Intervention (EI) in PA refers to services & supports for eligible children birth through age 5, or *Age of Beginners*

- Overseen by the Office of Child Development & Early Learning (OCDEL) in Pennsylvania (PA)

- EI in PA is comprised of two systems:
  - Infant/Toddler – Birth through age 3 (Childlink & Partnership)
  - Preschool Early Intervention – Age 3 through *Age of Beginners* (Elwyn ELS)

Note: Preschool EI is provided through Elwyn Early Learning Services (ELS) in Philadelphia County, as well as the city of Chester in Delaware County, PA

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Preschool Early Intervention Regulations

IDEA, Part B, Federal Regulations	PA Title 22, Chapter 14, State Regulations	Act 212 of 1990
• Provision of special education & related services for eligible children, ages 3-21	• Pennsylvania-state special education regulations, supports eligible children ages 3-21	• PA Early Intervention Services System Act

At no cost to families!

Elwyn Early Learning Services EI Referral

- CONNECT: 1-800-692-7288, OR contact local agencies:

- 3yrs- 5yrs: Elwyn Intake Referrals accepted via phone
  Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30pm
  215-222-8054 (Philadelphia)

- Birth-3yrs: DBHIDS' Infant-toddler intake
  215-685-4646

- Referral call will include:
  - Gathering of information – demographic information, reason for referral, etc.
  - MDE evaluation will be scheduled
  - Paperwork will be reviewed & mailed to families

- For the evaluation to take place as scheduled, ELS **must** receive the signed parental consent form, referred to as the ***Permission to Evaluate (PTE)*** prior to the evaluation

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Preschool Early Intervention Process

| Intake/Initial Referral 215-222-8054 | Multi-Disciplinary Evaluation (MDE) to determine eligibility | If child is not eligible, connection to appropriate resources & other recommendations offered | If eligible, LEA Representative is assigned, and initial Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed | Service Delivery & Other Processes |

Statewide Referral Hotline:
1-800-692-7288
Email: CONNECT
help@connectpa.net

Preschool Early Intervention Timelines for Initiating Evaluation and possible Service Delivery

Some key timelines to keep in mind!

10 Days	60 days	10 days	30 days	14 days
Permission to Evaluate (PTE) Issued	**Evaluation Report (ER)**	**Report Provided**	**IEP Development**	**Services initiated**
Within 10 days after the Intake Referral is made	*Due **within 60 calendar days from when signed PTE received**	*Report provided to parents at least **10 calendar days prior to the IEP Team meeting (if eligible)***	*IEP meeting must occur **within 30 days** of finalized/sent ER.*	*IEP must be implemented **within 14 days of the IEP Meeting** or the child's 3rd birthday. Caregiver must return a signed NOREP.*

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Preschool EI Eligibility

Multi-Disciplinary Evaluation (MDE) occurs to thoroughly evaluate child & determine if they meet established eligibility criteria

Eligibility for Preschool EI in PA is determined using a "two pronged" criteria

Evaluation team will be comprised of numerous qualified early intervention personnel, as well as the family

Prong #1

Child demonstrates a 25 percent delay, or score of 1.5 SD below the mean on assessment tool, in one or more areas of development (Developmental Delay) **OR** child has a disability

Prong #2

Child shows a demonstrated need for Specially Designed Instruction (SDI), or Special Education & Related Services

Next Steps

Once the evaluation has been completed and the evaluation team has discussed and reviewed the evaluation results, the family will be notified regarding the eligibility determination

If the child is found eligible, a Local Education Agency (LEA) Representative will be assigned and an Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be developed during a meeting that will be scheduled with the IEP team, which includes the family

If child is not eligible, appropriate resources, supports & recommendations will be discussed

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Including but not limited to the following…

If found eligible for Preschool Early Intervention, what services could be provided?

Special Instruction

Speech and Language Therapy
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | ASHA

Occupational Therapy
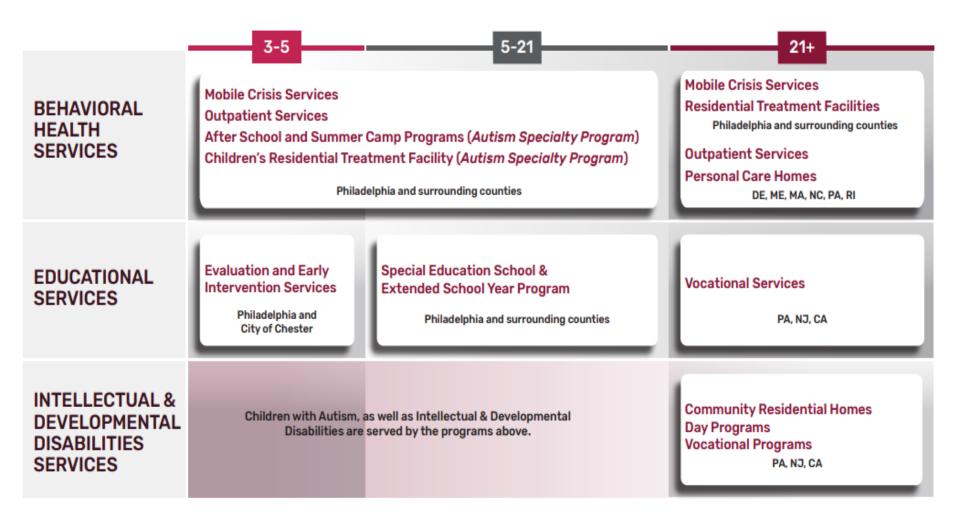Children and Youth fact sheet.pdf (aota.org)

Physical Therapy
American Physical Therapy Association | APTA

Special Education Classrooms

Others! This list is not exhaustive & services are always individualized to meet the needs of the child!

Elwyn Scope of Services

	3-5	5-21	21+
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	Mobile Crisis Services Outpatient Services After School and Summer Camp Programs (*Autism Specialty Program*) Children's Residential Treatment Facility (*Autism Specialty Program*) Philadelphia and surrounding counties		Mobile Crisis Services Residential Treatment Facilities Philadelphia and surrounding counties Outpatient Services Personal Care Homes DE, ME, MA, NC, PA, RI
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	Evaluation and Early Intervention Services Philadelphia and City of Chester	Special Education School & Extended School Year Program Philadelphia and surrounding counties	Vocational Services PA, NJ, CA
INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES	Children with Autism, as well as Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities are served by the programs above.		Community Residential Homes Day Programs Vocational Programs PA, NJ, CA

A Closer Look at Elwyn Children's Services

Ages 3-21

Elwyn Early Learning Services(ages 3-5):
Preschool Special Education, including behaviorally based ABA services that are educationally based

Education Division (ages 3-21):
Approved Private School (APS) & Private Academic School

Behavioral Health (ages 3 -21):
-Children's Traditional Outpatient Services
-Children's Mobile Intervention Services (CMIS)

-Children's Mobile Crisis (CMCT)
-IBHS Individual Services (home/community/school)

Elwyn EI and Behavioral Health Services Comparison

Elwyn provides both EI services and is a provider of Behavioral Health Services in Philadelphia

Elwyn *Early Intervention* Services

EI utilizes an educational evaluation to identify developmental delays and/or disabilities that impact a child's ability to succeed in the classroom

If child qualifies for Preschool EI, services may include (but are not limited to):

- Specialized Instruction (SI)
- Speech Therapy (SLP)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Physical Therapy (PT)
- Services for Visually or Hearing Impaired

Elwyn *Behavioral Health* Services

As a CBH provider, Elwyn utilizes a behavioral evaluation for the purpose of identifying appropriate behavioral health services.

If a child qualifies for Behavioral Health Services, services may include (but are not limited to):

- Traditional Outpatient
- Individual IBHS
- Mobile Crisis (CMCT)
- Mobile Intervention (CMIS)
* No ABA/PCIT

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Contact Information
& Other Resources

Elwyn ELS

- If a child is found eligible for EI services, the child will be assigned to a LEA Representative, who will be the primary point of contact for families
- General Inquiries: 215-222-8054, Option #1 (Philadelphia)
- General Inquiries: 610-872-4590 (City of Chester)
- https://www.elwyn.org/services/early-learning
- Office for Dispute Resolution: Home - Office for Dispute Resolution (odr-pa.org)

Other Available Resources

- Families First - https://disabilities.temple.edu/families-first
- Early Learning Resource Center - - https://philadelphiaelrc18.org/
- Parent to Parent: www.parenttoparent.org
- PEAL Center: https://www.pealcenter.org/
- Resource Overview: http://pafamiliesinc.org/understanding-systems/early-intervention/resources-for-early-intervention-in-pennsylvania
- Center on Social and Emotional Foundations and Early Learning - CSEFEL: Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (vanderbilt.edu)

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Questions?