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Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)

What is an IFSP?

It is a planning process which ensures that everyone works in a co-ordinated way towards goals which reflect your concerns and priorities.

INDIVIDUAL: It meets the individual needs of your child and family.

FAMILY: A family-centred approach. You choose, in collaboration with others, goals for your child and family.

SERVICE: Where all services work towards agreed goals.

PLAN: This is a written plan of action that we all work from and regularly review.

The process involves:

- information gathering
- a meeting
- a written plan
- ongoing evaluation

Who is involved?

You, the family, can decide who to involve in this process.

For example:

- other family members or friends
- an advocate
- an interpreter
- any professionals or agencies working with your child

These may include:

- case worker
- doctor
- social worker
- teacher
- therapists
- psychologist
- child care worker

How can these people be involved?

By:

- Meeting at an agreed location
- Giving you suggestions to bring to the meeting
- Sending in information if unable to attend, eg. report, phone, fax, email, video

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Why do we need an IFSP?

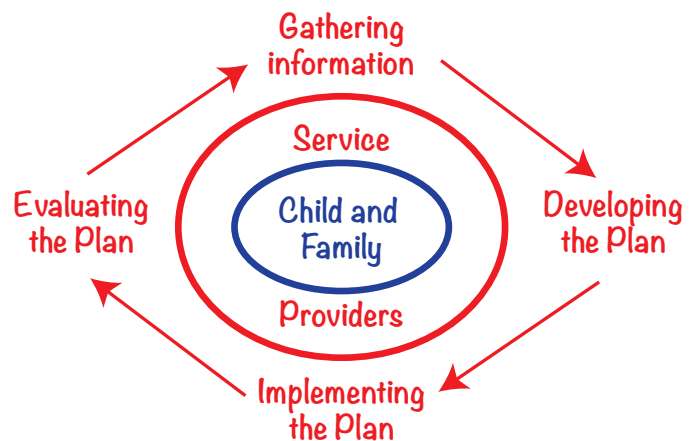
To make sure that intervention for your child and family is relevant and effective.

What happens at an IFSP meeting?

Those present will:

- listen to your needs, concerns and priorities
- talk about your family's strengths, resources and options
- share information to help you make informed decisions
- assist you to co-ordinate the services you are receiving

The IFSP Process



How do we get started?

- Most early childhood intervention agencies will offer you the opportunity to participate in an IFSP meeting.
- Families have choices about how they participate in the process.
- Families are welcome to co-ordinate their own IFSP or choose their preferred service provider as the coordinator.

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