

# VIRTUAL EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

In Medina County



## What Are Virtual Early Intervention Services?

Virtual Early Intervention (EI) Services are visits and consultations that are done through the internet using video devices such as a personal computers, lap tops, smart phones, tablets, or other mobile hardware using a secure network. These services may be used in place of traditional face-to-face meeting and consultations. When virtual early intervention services are provided, professionals and family members or caregivers are all present in real time.

## When Are Virtual Early Intervention Service Visits Offered?

There are many reasons why a child may be offered or receive virtual early intervention services.

### Services may be offered when in person visits are not possible due to:

- health and safety concerns of family members
- weather conditions
- missed service visits
- illness in the family
- location challenges
- other scheduling challenges

Regardless of the reason for receiving virtual early intervention services, your team will work with you to determine service delivery methods and schedules that work best for your family.



## Virtual Early Intervention Services Continue to Support Families

Virtual early intervention services allow families to continue to gain access to early childhood professionals even when they may be far away or have very specialized needs.

### Virtual services continue to support children and families by:

- Focusing on parent child relationship and interactions, increasing parent confidence in supporting their child
- Allowing families using internet access the flexibility to work with EI professionals from a secure location
- Allowing flexibility in scheduling times that are convenient and may include other family members
- Empowering families to confidently implement strategies between sessions

## Using a Personal Device to Receive Virtual EI Visits

As with any internet based communication, there are potential risks regarding security or technological problems. Families should use a secure Wi-Fi network with password and install any necessary device protections. Early Intervention staff are unable to provide technical assistance to families about the devices or equipment they use for virtual EI sessions.

Families should check with their internet or wireless provider for any monthly limits on their data usage plan.

**For more information, please call 330-725-7751 ext. 244**

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