

New Jersey Early Intervention Week 2017, May 15th-20th
Southern NJ Regional Early Intervention Collaborative

Overview and Contest Topic

New Jersey Early Intervention Week was created to recognize that all children have special and unique gifts that deserve the care and attention of their families and communities. The state appreciates the challenges families face and the courage needed to do so. The state also recognizes how the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS) plays a role in supporting families to ensure that all infants and toddlers have the opportunity to develop, grow and ultimately lead productive lives in the community. In that spirit, we invite Early Intervention families to "Tell Us Your Story".

Southern NJ Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (SNJREIC) Contest Guidelines

Entries should be no longer than 500 words. Submissions can be handwritten or typed. Only **one entry per household** will be accepted including households where two or more children have received or are receiving New Jersey Early Intervention services. **Entry should be based on the experiences of a child and family that have received NJEIS services within the past 12 months (April 2016 to present)**. Each entry needs to include the author's name, child's name, address, telephone number, month & year of initial NJ Early Intervention eligibility. **Submissions received without this information will not be eligible.**

SNJREIC Contest Eligibility and Entry Rules

Participants must be New Jersey residents living in the SNJREIC region (Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties) and have a child that has received New Jersey EI Services within the past 12 months (**April 2016 to present**). Employees of the Department of Health, SNJREIC, Board of Trustees, Service Coordination Units, Regional Service Provider Agencies and their immediate families **are not eligible** for this contest.

Entries can be sent to: SNJREIC Attn: Kim Ferenci, 1044 South Route 73, Suite A, and Berlin NJ 08009 or emailed to kimf@snjreic.org

All entries must be in the SNJREIC office (via mail or email) by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 26, 2017.

SNJREIC Prizes

- 1ST prize will be a \$100.00 Gift Basket*
- 2nd prize will be a \$50.00 Gift Basket*

All entries will be identified and read by SNJREIC Board members, who include parents of children with special needs, professionals who work in early intervention and other community members. Winners will be notified by June 26, 2017. Decisions of the reading panel will be final.

(SNJREIC) New Jersey Early Intervention Week Contest Entry Form

Author Name _____

Home Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Alternate Number _____

Email address (optional) _____

County _____

Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Month & Year of Eligibility for NJEIS services _____

Entry Word Count _____

Service Coordinator _____

Practitioner /Agency _____

I certify that the information provided is factual. I certify that I am the author of this entry. I agree to abide by the rules of the SNJREIC New Jersey Early Intervention Week "Tell Us Your Story" contest. I understand that my story will become the property of the SNJREIC to use at its discretion.

Signature _____

Date _____

SNJREIC ONLY

Date Received _____ Reviewed by _____

New Jersey Early Intervention Week 2017



Enter the Annual Early Intervention “Tell Us Your Story” Contest

We invite families who have benefitted from Early Intervention to “Tell Us Your Story.” Your personal story can help other families, early intervention practitioners and community members gain an understanding of the benefits of Early Intervention. Please share your story about:

“How Has Early Intervention Supported Me in Helping My Child Develop and Learn.”

- Describe a memorable experience about how your practitioner(s) or service coordinator supported you in helping your child to learn, improve, change a behavior, etc.
- Share tips or strategies provided to you while in Early Intervention that helped you help your child develop & learn.

1st prize – \$100.00 Gift Basket*

2nd prize – \$50.00 Gift Basket*

All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation & prize winners will be notified via email and/or mail by the week of June 26th, 2017.

See next page for contest rules

Contest hosted by the Southern NJ Regional Early Intervention Collaborative (SNJREIC)
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