



Are you the **parent of a child** who is in or has gone through the NJ Early Intervention System (EI)? Are you interested in using your experience with EI to **make a difference**?

The NJ Statewide Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) is a Governor appointed Council which **advises and assists** the Department of Health and **provides leadership** towards achieving the vision and goals of the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS).

This is accomplished by the SICC:

- Developing and implementing** the policies for Early Intervention;
- Advocating** for all participants of NJEIS;
- Promoting** communication that connects all components of the NJEIS;
- Identifying and recommending** strategies for improvement;
- Identifying** other sources of fiscal and other support; and
- Listening** to the public.

The SICC provides a forum for families, early intervention service providers and the entire early intervention community to meet and share information and ideas for enhancing and improving coordinated services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Members of the SICC come from a variety of backgrounds and have in common a strong tie to the New Jersey Early Intervention System.

The Council meets six times a year (every other month starting in January).

Members are:

- parents** of children who receive or who have received early intervention services;
- early intervention **professionals**, working directly with families and children or in administrative capacities;
- representatives** of agencies that are linked to early intervention including departments of state government, providers of services needed by young children, such as Early Head Start and childcare, and institutions of higher education that prepare professionals; and
- a member of the **legislature**.



Information about the SICC can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/eis/index.shtml>

If you are interested in joining the SICC, submit your resume at <http://nj.gov/governor/admin/bca/>