

Inspira Health Network Early Intervention Program



The Inspira Early Intervention Program (EIP), a program of Inspira Health Network, was established in 1990 through a Grant with The NJ Department of Health. Located in Vineland, New Jersey, Inspira's EIP provides quality early intervention services to eligible children from birth up to three years of age who have developmental delay(s) and/or a high probability diagnosis which meet New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS) eligibility criteria. All NJ early intervention services are provided in the child's natural environment (e.g., home; childcare). Inspira's EIP services children and families in expansive, culturally diverse, and economically depressed Cumberland County, as well as in Gloucester and Atlantic Counties. Inspira is currently providing ongoing early intervention services to 170 children and their families enrolled in the NJEIS. Inspira's EIP serves as the Targeted Evaluation Team in Cumberland County, providing both initial and ongoing NJ Early Intervention eligibility evaluations for all children and families living in Cumberland County.

Inspira's EIP employs twenty team members to provide NJ early intervention services to eligible children and their families. The services provided include developmental intervention, family training, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. The program strives to meet the needs of the culturally diverse families serviced in Cumberland County. Inspira EIP offers bilingual professionals on the team to meet the language needs of the community. The strength of Inspira's EI Program is the passion and dedication of its team members in empowering and supporting families to enhance the capacities of children who are receiving services through the NJ Early Intervention System (NJEIS). Cumberland County is an underserved region in New Jersey with very limited resources. Inspira's EIP team is a very close knit, supportive team with a strong history of collaboration with all Cumberland County Early Intervention and community based programs to ensure that children and families in this underserved region receive quality services and have access to available resources/supports.

Inspira's EIP had the honor of hosting both The Introductory and Advanced Training Workshops for "The Early Start Denver Model" (ESDM) in September 2013. The ESDM is an evidenced-based curriculum model for working with young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families. The ESDM Training was partially funded through a CVS Charitable Trust Grant awarded to Inspira's EIP for the purpose of community services and team training. Inspira's EIP team is very excited to begin implementing the ESDM Curriculum in working with young children with autism spectrum disorder and their families through the NJEIS.