

Early intervention has been one of the best things to ever happen to our family therefore I can not pick just one person, one situation, or one thing that has made an impact on our lives. We truly have the best team of therapists and coordinators whom have all engraved a part in our hearts, forever. We have had constant support with their ongoing guidance, advice and advocacy. It has been proven to me that early intervention is the key to success.

As a young mom with a child with special needs I was nervous, afraid, and scared for the diagnosis's my son, Raymond continued to receive. From generalized epilepsy and a rare seizure disorder to cerebral palsy, it was overwhelming and scary. With the support of his therapists throughout Early Intervention we always have had the proper guidance and reinforcement that we needed. We were told time and time again that these were just diagnosis and that he could overcome anything with the skills he was being provided.

I have learned many new tools throughout physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy that have truly benefited myself as a mom and Raymond as a young child. I feel that because of the information that has been provided to me by the therapists, that I have been able to provide my son more of the learning tools that he needs, in the way that he best learns them. Although sometimes it is not the easiest way, our family has been thankful to have such creative minds providing us new ideas on a weekly basis to get Raymond to develop these needed skills.

With our Early Intervention journey coming to an end very soon, I am thankful for the ongoing advocacy that we have received from beginning to (almost!) end. We have all been a fantastic team that has been able to advocate together to come up with the most realistic goals, transitions and plans for Raymond's education moving forward.

If I could go back in time and start this journey all over again, I would. Bumps in the road and all. We are our child's best advocate and it is our job as parents to help our children be the best they can be. I believe that because of Early Intervention my son has many more possibilities of overcoming his obstacles than he would if we did not receive these services at such a young age. Early Intervention is the key to intervention.