

# Twelve Tips on the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

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1. The IFSP is a plan for providing early intervention services to an infant or toddler with a disability and the child's family.
2. If a screening is done, the family can request a full assessment at any time.
3. When an assessment is done, all areas of development are considered. These include: physical, cognitive, communication social/emotional, and adaptive development.
4. If the family disagrees with the results of the assessment, they have a right to request mediation, request a due process hearing or file a state complaint.
5. Once a child has qualified for services an IFSP is developed to meet the developmental needs of the child and assist with family concerns such as: employment, housing, clothing, transportation, brothers and sisters, insurance, etc.
6. After receiving input from the IFSP team families decide on what goals are developed and written to be accomplished in the next six months.
7. The IFSP is reviewed every 6 months and rewritten every 12 months **OR** as often as needed. Families may call a meeting at any time.
8. Services are provided in settings that are natural or normal for any child without a disability. Justification must be given if services are **NOT** in the child's natural environment.
9. Year round services are provided. This means there is no interruption of services over the summer. The only exception is if the family makes a change.
10. Families can decline a service without losing all the other services provided. Services that are turned down may be started at a later time if needed.
11. Transition from an IFSP to an Individualized Education Program (IEP) can begin between 9 months to 90 days prior to the child turning three. An IEP is for children ages 3 to 21.
12. A family may choose to remain on an IFSP until August 31 of the school year the child turns 3 years old.

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