Evaluation & Plan

Development Process

Evaluations should cover all areas of suspected disabilities. Begin by gathering information that will help to provide a picture of your child’s unique needs. The evaluation will assist the team in determining any specialized instruction, support and/or services your child will need.

Who Can Help?

The Arc of New Mexico 1-800-358-6493 www.arcnm.org
Carrie Tingley Hospital 505-272-5200
CDD—Center for Development & Disability Information Network 1-800-552-8195 www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet
CMS—Children’s Medical Services 1-877-890-4692 www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/fhb/cms
DRNM—Disability Rights New Mexico 1-800-432-4682 www.drnm.org
DVR—Division of Vocational Rehabilitation 1-800-224-7005 www.dvr.state.nm.us
ECEP—Early Childhood Evaluation Program 1-800-337-6076 www.cdd.unm.edu/ecep
EPICS—Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs 1-888-499-2070 www.epicsnm.org
FIT—Family Infant Toddler Program 1-877-696-1472 www.fitprogram.org
ILRC—Independent Living Resource Centers 1-800-260-5022
ISD—Income Support Division 1-800-283-4465
PRO—Parents Reaching Out (PRO) 1-800-524-5176 www.parentsreachingout.org
Special Olympics 505-856-0342 www.sonm.org

Key Terms

DD—Developmental Disabilities Waiver
MF—Medically Fragile Waiver
Mi Via Self-Directed Waiver
EI—Early Intervention
IEP—Individualized Education Plan
IFSP—Individualized Family Support Plan
ISP—Individual Support Plan—DD & MF
LOC—Level of Care—Medical eligibility
PLP—Present Levels of Performance for IEP
SSI—Supplemental Security Income/Soc. Security
SSP—Service and Support Plan—Mi Via Waiver

Supporting Your Child’s Journey

A map for helping families of children with disabilities to navigate service systems in New Mexico

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NM LEND Family Leader—Parents Reaching Out
Your Child’s Journey

Focus
- Supporting the Family
  - Family-Child Model
  - Family Led Services
- Supporting the Student
  - Transitioning from EI to Preschool
- Communication, Behavior, Reading, Writing and Role Modeling
- Student attends own IEP meeting
- Employing Graduation Paths
- Planning for Transition to Adulthood
- Self-Advocacy Skills
- Socialization
- Independence
- Select Graduation Path
- Explore Post-Secondary
- Self-Advocacy Prep for Employment
- Planning for Adulthood
- Post-secondary Schools
- Independence
- Future Planning

Assessments
- Screenings by Pediatrician
- Home Visiting Program
- Early Intervention Evaluation
- Childfind Screening
- Initial Evaluation
- Initial IEP
- Evaluations every 3 years for Special Education services
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- DVR Intake & Assessment
- Last 3-year Evaluation before exiting school
- Disability Recertification for SSI after turning 18 years
- Waiver Recertification once a year
- Yearly Financial Eligibility with ISD
- Annual Assessment
- Yearly Physical & LOC Continue with DVR

Services & Programs
- IFSP once a year
- Early Intervention Services
- Functional Outcomes
- Natural Environment
- Healthcare Insurance/Medicaid
- Home Visiting Services
- Preschool Special Ed. IEP once a year
- Present Level of Performance (PLP)
- Goals
- Healthcare Insurance/Medicaid
- SSI
- Special Ed. IEP once a year
- Present Level of Performance (PLP)
- Goals
- Healthcare Insurance/Medicaid
- SSI
- Special Ed. IEP once a year
- Present Level of Performance (PLP)
- Goals
- Healthcare Insurance/Medicaid
- SSI
- Special Ed. IEP once a year
- PLP on IEP
- Goals
- Allocation to Waiver
- ISP/SSP once a year
- Healthcare Insurance/Medicaid
- SSI
- Allocation to Waiver ISP/SSP once a year
- Goals
- Healthcare Insurance/Medicaid
- SSI
- Waivers-Long Term Services
- DD Waiver
- MF Waiver
- Mi Via Waiver

Community Resources
- Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program (ECEP)
- Early Childhood Evaluation Program
- Other Early Intervention Programs
- Other Preschool Programs
- Home Visiting Services
- Childfind
- Headstart
- Other Preschool Programs
- Limited Respite if on Central Registry for Waiver
- CMS
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- CMS
- School Transition Programs
- Internships such as Project SEARCH
- Waivers
- Long Term Services
- DD Waiver
- MF Waiver
- Mi Via Waiver

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- PRO
- EPICS
- CDD Information Network
- Support Groups
- Carrie Tingley Hospital
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- DRNM
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- Carrie Tingley Hospital
- DRNM
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- EPICS
- CDD Information Network
- NM DVR
- Special Olympics Center for Self-Advocacy
- The Arc of New Mexico
- DRNM
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- DRNM
- LILRCs, DRNM
- CCD Information Network
- NM DVR
- DDPC’s CSA & Office of Guardianship
- Partners in Policymaking
- The Arc of New Mexico
- Special Olympics