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Sharing and Problem-Solving During Early Intervention Visits

At your first Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting, your service coordinator likely explained that KEIS uses a caregiver coaching model for early intervention. A key feature of caregiver coaching is the use of open-ended questions. A primary reason providers ask questions is that you know your child and family's goals, routines and strengths best. Providers also ask questions to help with brainstorming and problem-solving. Answering these questions gives you a chance to share your thoughts, share what matters most to you and consider what's working and what's not. Providers don't expect families to have all the answers or ideas. Open-ended questions begin back-and-forth conversations, and you may find yourself asking questions too. An example of how asking and answering questions can lead to new insights and plans is shown in this [video](#) provided by the Coaching in Early Intervention Training and Mentorship Program (CEITMP).

With parent consent, this video clip was taken from a recorded early intervention session. KEIS provides ongoing professional development through the CEITMP to support providers' coaching skills. As part of this professional development, your providers may ask to video record your home or tele-intervention visits. These recordings focus on the provider's interactions with your family, not on your child. Participation is optional, and your services won't be affected if you choose not to be recorded.

To learn more, visit the [Kentucky Early Intervention Services webpage](#). If you have questions, please get in touch with the team coordinating this training at coaches@louisville.edu.

Online Awareness

While parents and professionals alike often consult search engines and social media, not everything posted online is accurate. As you advocate for your child, please be cautious about providing any health-related or other private information to those you do not know.

Please keep in mind that KEIS does not have an official social media or any online presence that distributes advice, asks for private information or seeks to represent or enroll new clients. To protect privacy, KEIS staff, including providers, will communicate with families only in a confidential manner. Families should reach out to their service coordinator and assigned providers directly with any questions or concerns.



Wise Words

“Summertime is always the best of what might be.” – Charlie Brown

“You will always be your child’s favorite toy.” – Vicki Lansky

“When little people are overwhelmed by big emotions, it’s our job to share our calm, not join their chaos.” – L.R. Knost

“It is one thing to show your child the way and a harder thing than to stand out of it.” – Robert Breault



July

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

National Ice Cream Month

7/7 – National Father/Daughter Take a Walk Day

7/10 – Chronic Disease Awareness Day

7/22 – National Fragile X Awareness Day

August

National Children’s Eye Health and Safety Month

8/2 – National Coloring Book Day

8/15 – National Relaxation Day

8/16 – Family Roller Coaster Day

8/21 – National Senior Citizens Day

Learning Opportunities

Scheduled Trainings

Early Childhood Investigations Webinars:

- [How To Talk with Infants and Toddlers to Build Receptive and Expressive Language Development](#), July 9
- [The Power of Pretend Play: How You Can Support Young Children's Power, Identity and Agency Through Play](#), August 7

Free On-Demand Webinars/Presentations

- Join [KY-SPIN](#) for an insightful presentation on teaching [Early Childhood Executive Function Skills](#)
- Operation Parent/Dr. Adam Pletter share tips for [Screen Smart Parenting](#). Participants will leave with actionable tips for fostering a healthy relationship with technology and raising resilient children in today's digital world.
- [CDC Milestones Tracker App demo and training for caregivers](#) – this app tracks key developmental stages from two months to five years, including easy to use checklists



Now recruiting:

The Maternal Child Health (MCH) Family Advisory Council (FAC) is seeking additional parents to join the council. The FAC meets quarterly to give parental guidance and input on MCH programs, including KEIS, HANDS, family engagement and other programs. The FAC already has a wonderful group of parents who have volunteered to serve, but it is always in need of additional parents. If you'd like to be part of a volunteer team that will help shape MCH programs by sharing the parent perspective in quarterly virtual meetings and forums, please email [Karen McCracken](#) for more information. All participants who attend FAC meetings are compensated for their participation with a gift card.