

An Overview of Early Intervention in Washington County PA



Washington County History

- ❖ **Named in honor of General George Washington**
- ❖ **Created by an act of the Pennsylvania Assembly and carved from a section of Westmoreland County to allow the inhabitants move convenient access to the courts and public offices.**
- ❖ **Home of the Whiskey Rebellion – David Bradford , noted attorney and community leader, directed farmers to rebel against the federal excise tax on whiskey passed in 1791. The rebellion was smashed by Governor Lighthorse Harry Lee with federal troops in Allegheny and Washington County. The Bradford House is a historical site.**
- ❖ **Residence of Dr. Francis J. LeMoyne, a leading abolitionist and founder of the Western Abolition Society (1824).**
- ❖ **The National Pike (Route 40) , America's first federally built transportation system runs through Washington County. Scenery Hill has many antique shops**

Information about Washington County, PA

- ❖ Total population – 207,820 (2010 census)**
- ❖ Total area – 863.6 square miles**
- ❖ 14 School Districts**
- ❖ Minority Population 13,649 or 6.6%**
- ❖ Families below poverty level - 16.5%**
- ❖ Children under 5 years of age – 6,962 (4.8%)**

Infra-structure Information in Washington County, PA

- ❖ 33 Operating Authorities - including townships and boroughs and two cities**
- ❖ 14 School Districts**
- ❖ Washington County Airport**
- ❖ 15 Libraries**
- ❖ 3 County Parks**

Medical Services in Washington County

❖ 3 Hospitals

❖ Canonsburg Hospital

❖ Monongahela Valley Hospital, Inc.

❖ The Washington Hospital

❖ VA Primary Care Center

❖ 10 Outpatient Clinics

Colleges/Technical Schools in Washington County

❖ Two colleges

- ❖ Washington and Jefferson College**
- ❖ California University of PA**

❖ Colleges with Branches in our County

- ❖ Waynesburg College**
- ❖ Community College of Allegheny County**

❖ Penn Commercial Technical School

Washington County Attractions

- ❖ **Home of the Pony League World Series**
- ❖ **The Meadows Racetrack and Casino**
- ❖ **Tanger Outlets**
- ❖ **The Washington Wild Things**
- ❖ **PA Trolley Museum**
- ❖ **Westerwald Pottery**
- ❖ **Duncan Miller Glass Museum**
- ❖ **Little Lake Theatre of Canonsburg**
- ❖ **Meadowcroft Rock Shelter &
Museum of Rural Life**
- ❖ **First Niagara Pavilion**
- ❖ **Sarris Candies... and much more!**

Organizational Chart

Washington County Commissioners

Larry Maggi-Chairman

Diana Irey-Vaughn Vice-chariman

Harlan G. Shober, Jr.

Washington County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**Washington County
Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
100 West Beau Street, Suite 302
Washington, PA 15301**

Janice Taper, BHDS Administrator

Thomas Jones, I/DD Director

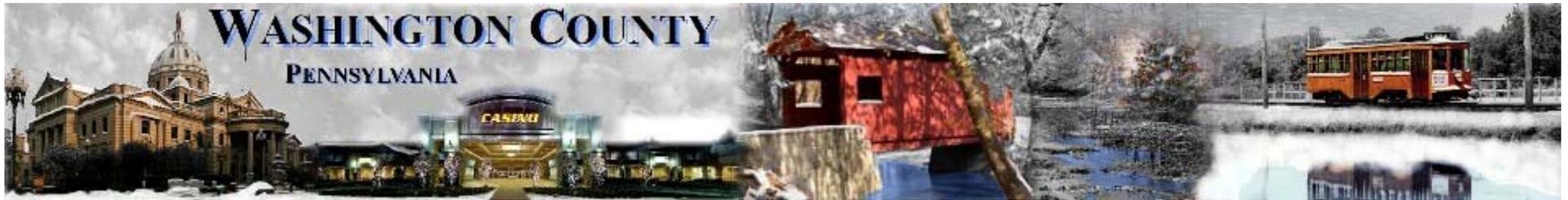
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The Goal of this Session:

Participants will have a greater understanding of Infant/Toddler Early Intervention Services in Washington County.

Definition of Early Intervention

Early Intervention Services are for children from birth through the “age of beginners”:

- **Services are designed to meet the developmental needs of each eligible child and the needs of the family related to enhancing the child’s development**
- **Selected in collaboration with parents**
- **Provided at no cost to the family**
- **Provided under public supervision by qualified personnel in conformity with an individualized plan**

Lead Agency for Early Intervention in Pa

Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL)



Serving Children with Developmental Delays

Lead Agencies for Early Intervention in Washington County

**Infants & Toddlers - Birth through age 2:
Washington County BHDS**



**Preschoolers - Age 3 to Age of Beginners:
Intermediate Unit 1**



**Washington Communities
Human Services, Inc.
Early Intervention
Service Coordination Department**

378 W. Chestnut Street

Washington, PA 15301

Phone: 724-229-2620 or 866-765-2888 Fax: 724-225-6944

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Ashley Cargnello, Service Coordinator

Marilyn Condon, Service Coordinator

Barbara Elsleger, Service Coordinator

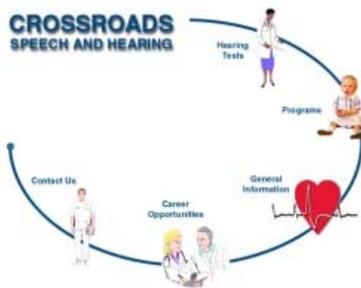
Diana McLaughlin, Service Coordinator

Sara Wilbur, Service Coordinator

Angie Woods, Service Coordinator



Independent Assessment Teams



Crossroads Speech & Hearing, Inc.

3240 Washington Rd. Suite 200

McMurray, PA 15317

Phone: 724-941-4434 Fax: 724-941-4714

Lynn Mosallem, Regional Coordinator



The Early Learning Institute

2510 Baldwick Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Phone: 412-922-8322 Fax: 412-922-8751

Choice 4 Contracted Early Intervention Provider Agencies

Early Intervention Specialists, Inc.

**9800B McKnight Road, Suite 150
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Phone: 412-364-2446 Fax: 412-364-5195
Kelley White, EI Director
Kristy Stefero, Director of Intake and Processes**



Pathways of SW PA Inc.

**289 North Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
Phone: 724-223-7803 ext 640 or 800-835-4140
Fax: 724-223-7804
Monica Brooks - Director - Washington County**



SPHS-Diversified Human Services, Inc..

**301 Chamber Plaza
Charleroi, PA 15022
Phone: 724-489-8096 ext 4258
Fax: 724-483-9373
Toni Tarquinio - Director**



Choice 4 Contracted Early Intervention Provider Agencies

The Integrated Care Corp.

371 Bethel Church Rd.

Ligonier, PA 15658

Phone: 724-593-7447 or 888-654-5683

Fax: 724-593-7448

Lance Queer, President



Washington, Greene & Fayette Early Intervention System

Preschool Age 3 through the Age of Beginners

Intermediate Unit One

One Intermediate Unit Drive

Coal Center, PA 15423-9642

Telephone: 724-938-3241 or 800-328-6481

Fax: 724-938-8722

**Contact Person: Barb Rothermel,
Preschool Supervisor**



Washington County LICC

- ❖ **Agencies regularly represented at the Washington County LICC meetings include:**
 - ❖ **Intermediate Unit 1**
 - ❖ **Washington County BHDS**
 - ❖ **Department of Health**
 - ❖ **Providers of EI Services**
 - ❖ **Service Coordination**
 - ❖ **Homeless Initiative, Intermediate Unit 1**
 - ❖ **Parents**
 - ❖ **Early Intervention & Autism Training & Consultation, Intermediate Unit 1**

Washington County LICC Activities

- ❖ Nancy Hubley presentation on Procedural Safeguards
- ❖ Transition Fair
- ❖ Children's Expo
- ❖ **Homeless Information Summit**
- ❖ **Washington Wild Things Early Intervention Night May 2011**

Integrated Children's' Services Grant

The Washington County Early Intervention Program received an Integrated Children's Services Plan Grant for 2011-2012. The grant is being administered by Robert Gallen, PHD

Activities have included:

- Training
- Reflective Supervision and Consultation Sessions
- Infant Massage and Parenting Classes

Steps in the Early Intervention Process:

- **Referral**
- **First Meeting**
- **Assessment**
- **Determine Eligibility**
- **Develop Individualized Family Service Plan**
- **Implement IFSP**
- **Transition to Preschool**
- **Individualized Education Program**
- **Transition to School (Kindergarten)**



Who is Eligible for EI Services?

Infants/Toddlers:

Age range - Birth through age 2 inclusive

- **Developmentally Delayed -**
 - **Delay of 25% in months or**
 - **1.5 Standard deviations below the mean on a standardized test or**
 - **Informed Clinical Opinion**
- **Diagnosed Physical or Mental Condition which has a high probability of resulting in a Developmental Delay (e.g. Down Syndrome, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy)**

Who is Eligible for the EI Tracking Program?

Infants/Toddlers:

Age range - Birth through 2 inclusive

- **Birth weight under 1500 grams**
- **(3 ½ pounds)**
- **Cared for in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or NICU**
- **Born to a chemically dependent mother**
- **Seriously abused or neglected**
- **Dangerous levels of lead poisoning**

Where are services provided?

Infants/Toddlers:

Age range - Birth through 2 inclusive



Natural Environments:

- **Services should be delivered in settings that meet the needs of the child and family**
- **Services must be provided to the extent appropriate in the types of settings in which infants and toddlers without disabilities would participate OR where the child would be if he or she did not have a disability**

EI Services for Infants & Toddlers

While all children grow and change at their own rates, some children can experience delays in their development. Sometimes this can be cause for concern, but...Early Intervention is here to help!

Your child will learn skills in these five primary developmental areas as he or she grows:

- ❖ **Physical Development - the ability to move, see & hear**
- ❖ **Language and Speech Development - the ability to talk, express needs**
- ❖ **Social and Emotional Development - the ability to relate to others**
- ❖ **Self Help or Adaptive Development - the ability to eat, dress and take care of self**
- ❖ **Cognitive Development - the ability to think and learn**

Early Interventionists assist parents, family members or other caregivers learn ways to support children within their daily routines and activities in their natural environment.

Eligibility

Children are eligible for EI Services if they have:

- A significant delay (25%) in one or more developmental areas**
- A Physical disability or a hearing or vision loss**
- A specialist's determination that there is a delay (called informed clinical opinion)**
- Known physical or mental conditions which have a high probability for developmental delays**

Tracking & Screening Services

❖ Some children are also at risk due to the following conditions and are eligible for tracking services:

- ❖ Birth weight under 3 ½ pounds**
- ❖ Cared for in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, or NICU**
- ❖ Confirmed to have dangerous levels of lead poisoning.**
- ❖ Born to chemically-dependent mothers**
- ❖ Seriously abused or neglected**

How to make a Referral to Early Intervention

If you have concerns about the rate your child is developing skills, you may want to talk to his or her pediatrician or physician. You may also refer your child to EI Services and ask for a free developmental screening.

It's easy as a telephone call!

Washington Communities

724-225-6940 or 866-765-2888

PA. CONNECT Information & Referral

800-692-7288