

Early Intervention Overview

Who Are We?

Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIU IV) provides educational services to all 27 school districts in Butler, Lawrence and Mercer Counties. Funds for support of MIU IV are derived from state funds, local district contributions, and other sources. Services offered by MIU IV include: continuing professional education, communications, curriculum development, educational planning, federal programs, instructional materials, nonpublic schools, pupil personnel, special education, state and federal liaison, and technology.

As the holder of the Mutually Agreed upon Written Arrangement (MAWA) with the state of Pennsylvania, the MIU IV operates the Early Intervention program for all school districts except Farrell Area School District. Anyone requesting information about Early Intervention in Butler, Lawrence or Mercer Counties is invited to call the office at 1-800-345-0033.

What Is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention in Pennsylvania is a **collection of services** designed for the young child and his or her family. The Pennsylvania Early Intervention program provides support and services to families with children **birth to age 5**. Early Intervention builds upon the natural learning opportunities that occur within the daily routines of a child and their family. Early Intervention can make a **BIG** difference in the future of your child. By enhancing your child's developmental delay early, Early Intervention has benefits for you, your child, and your community.

Early Intervention may...

- Help answer your questions about your child's development.
- Improve both developmental and educational growth.
- Help children with developmental delays become more independent.
- Help prevent the need for more and costly intervention in the future.
- Help communities become more aware of the gifts of all its children.

