

ONGOING SERVICE COORDINATOR

SELECTING YOUR ONGOING SERVICE COORDINATOR

You will be asked to choose an *ongoing service coordinator* at your first IFSP meeting. You can choose your initial service coordinator or you can choose someone else who is qualified to be a service coordinator.

Choosing your ongoing service coordinator is an important decision. This service coordinator will be responsible for putting your IFSP into action. Your ongoing service coordinator will also be responsible for:

- Helping you obtain the services and help you need
- Coordinating early intervention services with other services your family is getting
- Making sure your child and family get all the services in your IFSP
- Making sure services are delivered on time
- Helping you find service providers
- Informing you about advocacy services
- Making sure *six month reviews* and *annual evaluations* of your IFSP are completed
- Helping you make any changes to your IFSP that may be needed between six month review and annual evaluations

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Here are some tips and suggestions from other parents on choosing an ongoing service coordinator:

- Understand the role and job of the ongoing service coordinator. Ask questions! Knowing what service coordination is will help you choose the best person to work with your child and family.
- Think about what your needs are for service coordination. If your child and family is involved with many different professionals, you may need more help with service coordination. If not, you may not need a lot of help in coordinating services. Who you choose may depend on how much you need.
- Experience is important! It can be helpful to have a service coordinator who knows a lot about the Early Intervention Program and your community.
- Responsiveness is important! Choose a service coordinator who will return phone calls, keep in touch with you, and respond quickly when you need help.

**NIAGARA COUNTY
EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM
PROVIDERS APPROVED FOR SERVICE COORDINATION**

Creative Therapies of WNY	(716) 472-1289
Clinical Associates of the Finger Lakes.....	(585)924-1470
Diversified Services.....	(716) 871-9883
ECMC-Rehab Home Health P.E.D.S.....	(716) 819-2400
Ganormic, Inc. dba Wee Can Preschool and Childcare	(716) 667-2294
Liberty Resources POST	(716)204-5925
New York State Federation of Growers' and Processors' Associations Inc. dba Agri-Business Child Development.....	(518)346-6447
Niagara County Health Department.....	(716) 278-1691
SKIP of New York.....	(212) 268-5999
Therapeutic Link for Children	(716) 662-4800

Health Home Providers

Jewish Family Services of Buffalo & Erie County (HH only).....	(716) 883-1914
SKIP of New York.....	(212) 268-5999