

Who is involved?

- Parents of young children
- Local lead agencies responsible for funding and providing services to children below school age including:
 - * Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Infant/Toddler Early Intervention Program (birth through two years); and
 - * Hazleton Area School District's Early Intervention Pre-School Program (three through five years)
 - * Head Start
 - * PA Department of Health
- Local Early Intervention Service Providers
- Early Childhood Programs
- Physicians
- School Districts
- Social Service Agencies
- Other Interested Parties

How to get involved?

Meetings are held every other month between September and June. Locations are varied to allow options for parents.

For meeting details, please contact the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Infant/Toddler Early Intervention Program at 570-825-9441 or toll free 1-800-816-1880

or email Ashley Williams at:

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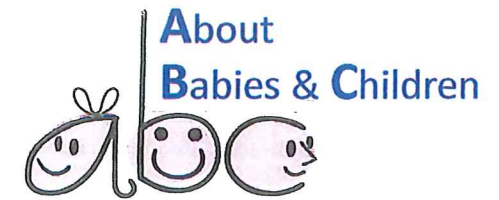
or visit our website at:

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Mission Statement

"About Babies and Children"
Local Interagency
Coordinating Council (LICCC)

Families, service providers, and community representatives are committed to maximizing the services, programs, resources, and supports available to children in accordance with Early Intervention best practice and cost effectiveness.



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Serving children with
special needs
below school age

Sponsored by:

**Luzerne-Wyoming Counties
Infant/Toddler
Early Intervention Program**

and

**The Hazleton Area School District's
Early Intervention
Pre-School Program**

What is the Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)?

The LICC, made up of parents and professionals, was formed to coordinate and plan for Early Intervention Services in the local community.

The movement, which followed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), established a comprehensive statewide system to provide Early Intervention Services to young children with disabilities.

Each participating state was required to establish a State Interagency Coordinating Council to advise and assist the lead agencies providing services. Subsequently, Pennsylvania's State Interagency Coordinating Council was formed leading to the establishment of our Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) in 1990.

With that responsibility, the LICC, representing residents of Luzerne and Wyoming Counties strives to:

IMPROVE the delivery of Early Intervention Services to infants, toddlers, and preschool children, as well as their families;

and

COORDINATE the delivery system across all agencies.

What are the goals of the LICC?

The main goal of the LICC is to provide a strategy for collaboration and the coordination of agency resources to ensure that all children and families in need of Early Intervention are identified and provided with needed services.

Additional Goals:

To support and assist parents by being a resource body regarding description and availability of Early Intervention Services.

To encourage parents' involvement and participation in advocating and receiving needed Early Intervention Services by providing parent training and education opportunities.

To collaborate through communication and cooperation with service providers and others.

To enhance and expand the program/service options available to families for their young child.

To provide local linkage to the State Interagency Coordinating Council.

To explore inclusive opportunities in all settings for children.

To ensure family centered practices prevail in every facet of programming.

To maintain best practices through cost effective programs/resources/supports.

How are goals accomplished?

By providing a place and time for families and providers to meet, talk and form partnerships;

By giving families the opportunity to be involved in decisions that effect the programs in which their children participate;

By forming working committees to take on special projects and to address identified needs;

By voicing local concerns regarding laws, policies, and procedures to the State level decision makers, that is, the Pennsylvania State Interagency Coordinating Council, the Pennsylvania Departments of Human Service and Education;

By facilitating the coordination of services among providers.



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