

Initial Agency

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Early Intervention

Local School District

Division of Developmental Disabilities

**State of New Jersey  
Departments of Health, Education and Human Services**

**INITIAL UNIFORM APPLICATION  
FOR SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 21 AND UNDER**

*Complete pages 1 and 2 of this Application.*

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Voluntary Per The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579)*

**Parent/Legal Guardian Information:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box/Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Local School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ (for) \_\_\_\_\_

What type of assistance are you seeking? \_\_\_\_\_

I wish this initial uniform application to be used to apply for the following services (check all that apply):

Early Intervention Services

Special Education Services through my local school district

Division of Developmental Disabilities Services



## INITIAL UNIFORM APPLICATION CONTINUED

### AGENCY DESCRIPTIONS

#### Early Intervention System (EIS) Department of Health (NJDOH)

**Who is eligible?** Children, from birth up until three years of age, that meet the following criteria: 1) developmental delay of 25% in two or more developmental areas, 2) developmental delay of 33% in one developmental area, or 3) a medically diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay. Developmental areas include cognitive; physical including gross motor, fine motor, vision and hearing; communication, social/emotional or adaptive.

**Services Available:** The goal of EIS is to support families in helping their children learn, play and develop to their fullest potential in their natural environments. Natural environments are the home and community settings, in which children with and without disabilities live and play together. Once a child has been determined to be eligible for services from EIS, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed. The IFSP is a written document that identifies services that are needed by the child and family and how those services will be implemented. The IFSP may include specialized instruction, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, family training and counseling, and other services needed by the child and family. Certain required services, such as referrals, eligibility determinations, service coordination and IFSP development and review are provided at no cost to the family. Beyond these services, a family may have to assume some or all of the costs, depending on resources available to the Department and the parents' ability to pay. Family rights with respect to EIS include, but are not limited to, the right to say no to some services and to choose only the services wanted, the right to be involved with the decisions made concerning their child, the right to the development of an IFSP within 45 days of the date the child is referred if he or she is found eligible for services and the right to receive services listed in the IFSP.

**General Information:** For additional information about EIS, refer to the Internet at the Department of Health (NJDOH) Website [www.nj.gov/health/fhs/eiphome.htm](http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/eiphome.htm) or call NJDOH-EIS at 609-777-7734.

#### Special Education Services School Services for Students with Disabilities, Ages 3-21 Department of Education

**Who is eligible?** A student shall be eligible for special education services when it is determined that the student has one or more of the disabilities (physical, hearing, vision, communication, cognitive, neurological, social and emotional) defined in special education regulations, N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.5(c)1-13; the disability has an adverse effect on his or her educational performance and the student requires specialized instruction. A multi-disciplinary team of school personnel and other professionals shall conduct an initial comprehensive evaluation upon written consent of the student's parents. Based upon the initial evaluation, members of the child study team, school personnel, the child's teacher, other professionals and parents shall meet to discuss and develop an individualized education program (IEP) that specifies needed services for the student.

**Services Available:** Services are provided at no cost to families in accordance with the student's IEP. Services include specialized instruction and related services that are needed for the student to benefit from educational instruction. Related services may include such developmental, corrective and other supportive services, such as speech therapy, counseling, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, as are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education.

**General Information:** For additional information, refer to the Internet at the Department of Education Website <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/specialed/index.html>.

## INITIAL UNIFORM APPLICATION CONTINUED

### **Division of Developmental Disabilities** **Department of Human Services**

**Who is eligible?** In order to be eligible for services, an individual must be a resident of New Jersey and have a developmental disability that meets the Division's definition. The Division defines developmental disability as a severe chronic disability of a person that meets all of the following:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental or physical impairment, other than mental illness; and
- Is manifested before the age of 22; and
- Is likely to continue indefinitely; and
- Results in substantial limitations in at least 3 or more of the following 6 major life activities (For an individual under age 18, the following factors shall be evaluated according to expectations based upon the individual's age.)
  - Self-care
  - Communication (Receptive and Expressive Language)
  - Learning
  - Mobility
  - Self-direction
  - Capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency; and
- Reflects the need for a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary or generic care, treatment or other services which are lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.
- Developmental disability includes but is not limited to severe disabilities attributable to mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, spina bifida and other neurological impairments where the above criteria are met.

The Division may have additional requirements for eligibility for particular Division services that will be explained more fully to you when you request those specific services. Individuals and their families who are found eligible for certain services may be required to contribute to the cost of those services. Information about contribution to the cost of services will be explained more fully to you when you request those specific services.

**Services Available:** The Division offers a variety of programs, supports, and services to help meet the care, training, psychological, social, vocational, health and other important needs of eligible individuals. The Division offers these services based upon the varying levels of ability of the individual. In general, the individual or his or her parent or legal guardian must request a specific service before the Division will determine whether the individual is eligible for that service. The individual will be assigned a case manager who may be contacted to request and explain the services available. Services include, but are not limited to, case management, in- and out- of home respite care, cash subsidy to purchase specified services, provision of assistive devices, options for residential services and vocational training and employment programs. Many of these services are provided through contracts with private organizations or individual contractors. Programs and services are available as the Division's resources permit so an individual who is otherwise eligible may have to wait for services.

**General Information:** For additional information, refer to the Internet at the Department of Human Services Website <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/index.html> or call DDD at 1-800-832-9173.