



Effective Early Intervention

Educators Keep Their Expertise Current

Educators serve a valuable role on the early intervention team. Maintaining a depth of knowledge about typical and atypical development, assessment practices, and instructional strategies keeps educators current and contributes to strong child and family outcomes. Below are five strategies educators can use to stay cutting-edge.

1. Develop a habit of reading at least one new journal article per week on a professional topic of interest.
2. Observe other educators and colleagues from different disciplines and note areas in which you can improve your practice.
3. Focus your learning on evidence-based sources like peer-reviewed journals and websites supported by your national organization (for example, the Council for Exceptional Children, Division of Early Childhood, the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, Zero to Three, or the National Organization for the Education of Young Children).
4. Use implementation tools that increase your fidelity to evidence-based practices. Implementation tools are guides and checklists that help you implement practices with fidelity.
5. Look for professional development opportunities that are based on research of effective early intervention practices.