



Effective Early Intervention

Educators Promote Responsive Interactions

Educators serve a valuable role on the early intervention team. When educators focus on building caregivers' knowledge and use of responsive strategies, children spend more time participating in family activities and can learn from them. Educators help caregivers maximize child learning during everyday routines by teaching caregivers to invite, engage, and teach.

Invite - Invite strategies create an opportunity for the child to become involved in a routine.

Some invite strategies include:

- Using one or two words to get the child's attention
- Showing the child something they like
- Getting down on the child's level
- Using an inviting voice

Engage - Engage strategies get the child interested in an activity or keep the activity going. Some engage strategies include:

- Engaging with the child by doing the same thing they are doing
- Responding to the child immediately and positively
- Positioning the child to be successful
- Narrating what the child is doing

Teach - Teach strategies give the child a chance to practice an existing skill or learn something new. Some teach strategies include:

- Showing the child a new way to do something
- Letting the child make mistakes and recover from them
- Giving extra wait time for the child to do something hard on their own
- Providing some physical support to help the child be successful at something that's a little too hard

How are you helping caregivers regularly invite, engage, and teach their children throughout their day?