

Tips for Making the MOST of Your Early Intervention Journey



1. It's All about You and Your Early Intervention Team

You are an important and equal member of your child's team.











2. Take time for the 'check in'.

This sets the stage and is an important first step of every visit.





This is your time to share what is new with your child and family, what has been challenging and what would be most helpful.





3. Take advantage of the opportunities for learning that are all throughout your 'normal' day.



Daily activities are where learning happens. (It's not about fitting something more in)

4. You can request changes as you go along. As things change, so can the plan for how your services are provided -- just ask.









5. Ask any and all questions!

If you think it, ask it. There is no such thing as a 'silly' question.

Asking questions and getting answers builds your comfort, confidence and advocacy muscles!



6. Make EI a priority. Be present and focused during the visits.





It can be so helpful to connect with another parent who is going through the same things you are . . .

7. Connect with other families







8. Learn About Resources



OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence) inspires change by promoting access for people with disabilities. They work with partnerships to help the family as a whole.



The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) is a statewide nonprofit organization that serves families of infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities in Ohio, educators and agencies who provide services for them.