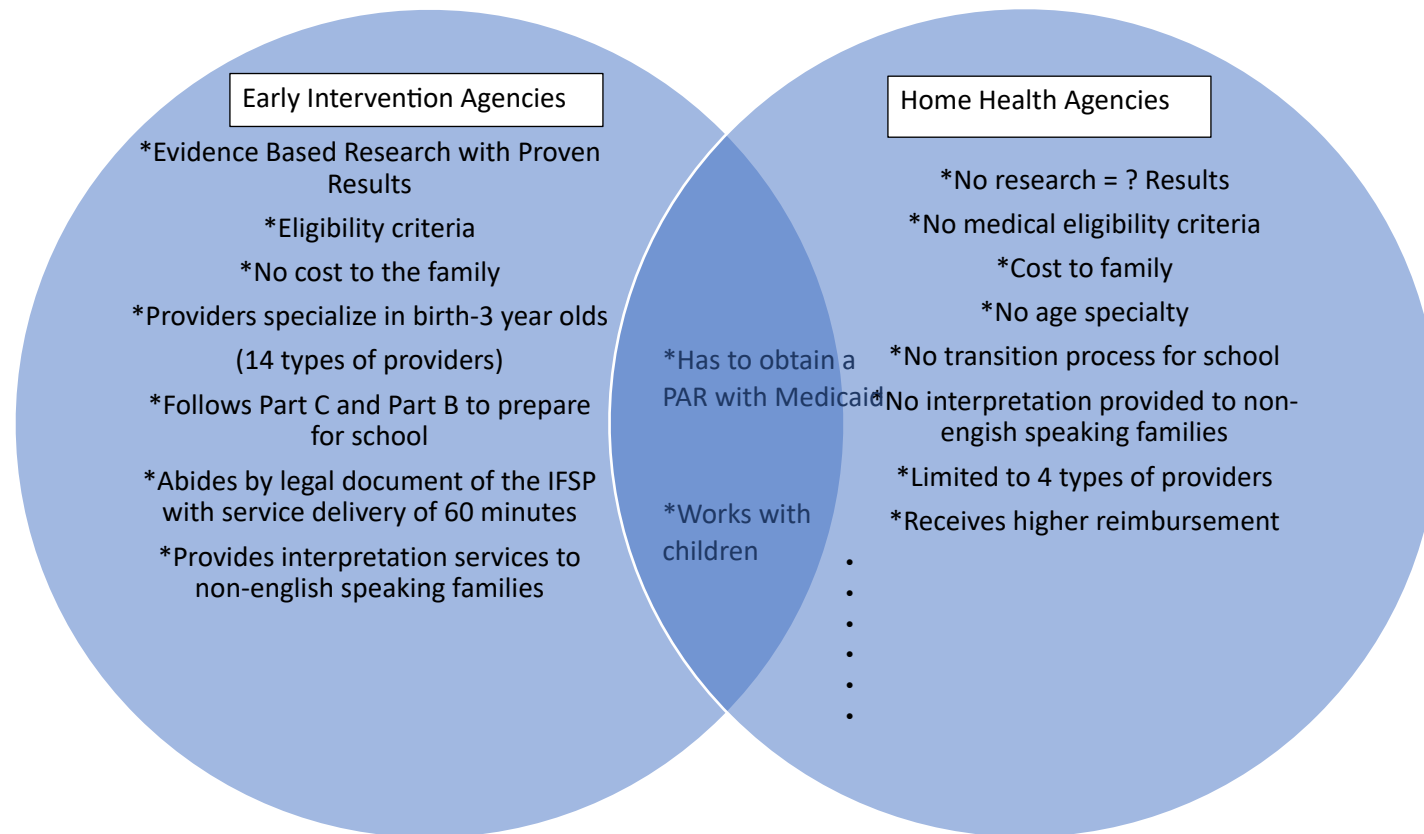


The Problem: Colorado is not looking at the best and long-term interest of the Colorado child or family. Early Intervention agencies and independent providers are going out of business. There is inequity of provider reimbursement and more money is being spent on a program with no proven results. Children who do not receive Early Intervention services will slip through the cracks in 2-5 years when the child may be eligible for special education preschool. The state will lose valuable and specialized therapists.



The Solution: Create appropriate eligibility standards to meet the criteria of homebound and medical need in the home health practice setting.

Action: Create a stakeholder involvement and task force to address this systemic issue.