

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED

The BabyNet families in SC need Early Intervention services as much, if not more than, ever. Taking social responsibility seriously means that Early Interventionists can no longer continue to physically be in a family's home to provide Family Training. The best option is to offer virtual visits, or tele-Intervention, to provide Family Training to all of the willing families. Tele-Intervention fits within the definition of providing services in the "natural environment" and is a good avenue for parents and caregivers to practice their own skills. It is also a great method for Early Interventionists to coach and mentor parents to build those skills and to offer positive support and positive feedback during sessions while offering instruction.

In order to do this, we need assurance of a billing method for this type of Family Training. We believe that billing through BRIDGES could continue as usual for both Family Training and Service Coordination. The integrity of Family Training could be upheld and the need is IMMEDIATE. Without this alternative method of providing Family Training, services to SC's Children and their families will be denied and this will be devastating for everyone.

Use of Tele-Intervention in Early Intervention

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