

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.46

EARLY INTERVENTION IN PERSON VISIT POLICY

Purpose:

This policy states the Trumbull County Board's approval of restarting face to face early intervention services and the procedures Early Intervention Service Providers will follow to protect the health and well-being of the providers, family members, and children being served.

Policy:

The Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) shall accommodate the provision of in-person Early Intervention services if the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) team, which includes the family receiving services, determines this method would be most beneficial for the family.

Virtual EI service delivery will remain a viable option if the IFSP team, which includes the family receiving services, determines that a virtual method is appropriate.

TCBDD will continue to provide virtual evaluations consistent with existing guidance through at least August 31, 2021. Evaluations may also be done partially in person/partially virtual (one evaluator in person and second evaluator via technology) as appropriate and at the discretion of the evaluation team and supervisors.

A family's decision not to receive a COVID-19 vaccination will not be used as a reason to deny EI services.

TCBDD shall comply with any relevant state or local public health orders and be aware of the spread in the community utilizing the latest case data from the ODH website and the local Health Department.

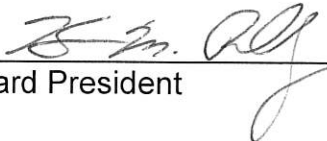
Procedures:

The following procedures must be strictly adhered to when providing services in person:

- a. Prior to providing services in-person, the provider will ask the COVID-19 Safety Screening questions. The visit must be changed to virtual, canceled or rescheduled if anyone in the home is ill, has symptoms, or has been in contact with someone suspected or confirmed with having COVID-19.
- b. If a family asks a provider to wear a mask for in-person services, TCBDD shall accommodate this request, regardless of vaccination status.
- c. If a provider or adult family member participating in the visit has not been fully vaccinated, those unvaccinated participants (and anyone else who so chooses) will be required to wear a mask for the duration of the visit (unless the visit is occurring outdoors in open air) and appropriate social distancing shall be practiced.
- d. Providers should conduct only one in-home, in-person visit per day. Providers may conduct more than one visit per day however other visits should be conducted in an outdoor environment. All in person visits scheduled shall be

calendared to include the location of the visit (i.e. Imagination Station, family home (including address), etc.) and forwarded to supervisors prior to the visit. Any policy variance shall be discussed.

- e. The provider must bring only items needed for that visit into the home and not share pens or other items with individuals in the household.
- f. The provider should consider asking household members not participating in the home visit to stay in a different part of the house from where the visit is taking place unless providing a needed support such as, but not limited to, sign language interpretation or spoken language interpretation.
- g. After the in person visit, the provider must clean/sanitize any items brought into the home such as, pens, binders, etc.
- h. The provider must clean/sanitize hands frequently and clean or dispose of face covering at the end of the day or after an encounter with an individual who is confirmed of having COVID-19, or if the mask is visibly soiled. Disposable masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, etc. will be provided by TCBDD if needed.
- i. The provider must notify their supervisor when they learn of individuals with COVID-19 symptoms.
- j. Providers must maintain accurate records of completed home visits including date, time of visit, who was present in the home, and correct contact information to assist with contact tracing.



Board President



Superintendent

Adopted: 6/28/2021

References:
Ohio Department of Developmental
Disabilities - COVID-19 Early Intervention
Guidance