

## Commitment to Children

The WVEIICC is committed to the ongoing advancement of those methods and practices that enhance the health and development of West Virginia's young children aged birth through 5. The Council believes that early intervention services should:

- Be family-centered;
- Support and enhance the capacity of families to fully participate in their communities;
- Support and enhance the capacity of communities to include families;
- Have adequate and flexible resources and funding;
- Be accountable, responsive and meaningful for families;
- Ensure an individualized, integrated and coordinated team approach to service planning and delivery;
- Ensure the development and retention of sufficient, qualified staff; and
- Be collaborative, seamless and comprehensive in order to provide service options for children with special needs ages birth through five and their families in settings and activities which are available for their typical age peers in natural environments within their community.

## Membership Recruitment Process

Persons interested in becoming a member of the Council, or if you have someone to nominate as a member of the Council, may visit the website - [www.wvdhhr.org/wvicc](http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvicc) - clicking on the Becoming a Member button or you may call 800-642-9704 and ask to speak with a WV Birth to Three representative. Individuals must complete the Nomination Form and submit the form to the Membership Committee of the ICC.

Recruitment for membership is an ongoing process. The Membership Committee meets two times annually, as well as, filling open seats on the Council when circumstances arise and members must resign.

The Department Of Health and Human Resources, Bureau For Public Health, Office Of Maternal, Child and Family Health administers the WV Birth To Three System in cooperation with the West Virginia Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council, as required under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

# WV Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council



Optimizing the health and development of young children and their families.

# Welcome!

The members of the Interagency Coordinating Council welcome you. Please take a few minutes to look over this brochure and become familiar with the responsibilities of the Council.

The ICC was established in 1987, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Council has the responsibility of assisting the WV Department of Health and Human Resources in implementing the WV Birth to Three system.

## Membership

The Governor appoints Council members to represent groups identified by Federal Regulations, Council Bylaws and others the Governor may select. Membership includes:

### Family Members

Providers of WV Birth to Three supports and services

Personnel Preparation

State Department of Education

Head Start

Behavioral Health and Health Facilities

Bureau for Children and Families

Insurance Commission

Bureau for Medical Services

WV Children's Health Insurance Program

Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health

State Legislature

Family Resource Networks

Parent Advisory Councils  
WV Advocates  
WV Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
WV Developmental Disabilities Council  
WV Parent Training and Information

Council members are appointed for three year terms and are expected to attend meetings every other month beginning in January with an annual retreat in July. Attendance and participation of all members is essential to the success of the Council. All meetings of the ICC are posted on the WV Birth to Three website - [www.wvdhhr.org/birth23](http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23).

Honorariums and childcare allotments are available for family representatives. Mileage, parking, meal and lodging reimbursement are available for all members if those costs are not covered by another agency.

## Public Input

The Council welcomes and solicits input from the public in all deliberations. Between meetings, Council members are having discussions with the group they represent and are bringing that information back to the full Council. For visitors to ICC meetings, time is specifically allocated for public input during each Council meeting.

## Council Roles and Responsibilities

Federal Regulations and State Policy state the ICC shall:

- 1 - Advise and assist DHHR regarding policies;
- 2 - Assist DHHR in getting participation, coordination and cooperation of all public agencies;
- 3 - Assist DHHR in the implementation of the Birth to Three system by establishing a process that includes:
  - a - seeking information from parents, early intervention practitioners and others about Federal and State Policies; and
  - b - taking steps to ensure that any policy problems are resolved.
- 4 - Assist DHHR in dispute resolution, when appropriate;
- 5 - Advise DHHR and the State Department of Education regarding the appropriate provision of services for children aged birth through 5; and
- 6 - Advise appropriate agencies in the State with respect to the integration of services for families with children aged birth through five with disabilities and at-risk situations.