

Vignette – Transition – Hospital to Early Intervention



Juan, 3 Months Old

Juan is a 3-month-old infant who was born prematurely at 31 weeks gestation. His mother, Esperanza, who is Spanish-speaking and has two older children, is unable to spend a lot of time with Juan in the hospital due to transportation and childcare barriers. Juan has not been officially diagnosed with any condition yet, but he is presenting with muscle stiffness, feeding issues, and respiratory issues. Esperanza has been informed of early intervention services and has signed to have the local agency contact her. The hospital staff has expressed concerns over Esperanza's support in caring for Juan in the home. The early intervention team needs to schedule a time to visit Juan and his family in the home shortly after his release from the hospital to evaluate Juan and his family's needs.

- Question 1.** As the receiving program, or early intervention program, how would you ensure you are effectively communicating with the hospital staff?
- Question 2.** What information should be communicated?
- Question 3.** How will the early intervention practitioner best engage Esperanza and other family members in conversations to share information about Juan?