Transition from Hospital to Early Intervention

This checklist includes practices that support the transition of newborn or very young infants and their family members from hospital services to early intervention services. These practices focus on activities that encourage collaboration with family members and health care providers in ways that facilitate positive child and family preparation and adjustment to home and community settings and services.

DEC Recommended Practices: Transition 1, 2
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Practitioner

Child

Date

Instructions

Rate how often you used each practice characteristic:

1. Seldom (0–25%)
2. Sometimes (25–50%)
3. Often (50–75%)
4. Almost always (75–100%)

Practice Characteristics

	1	2	3	4
1. Respond promptly to a referral from the hospital staff to learn about the child's developmental or health status and discharge plan.	○	○	○	○
2. Contact the family to confirm their interest in a referral to early intervention and to learn more about early intervention program services.	○	○	○	○
3. Together with the family and relevant hospital staff, convene a transition-planning meeting at a time and place convenient to the family.	○	○	○	○
4. Gather information from the family members or parents about their experiences in the hospital and ask about their concerns and priorities.	○	○	○	○
5. Ask for permission and request signed releases for communication and coordination of supports and services they may be receiving based on hospital discharge planning.	○	○	○	○
6. Describe the types of early intervention supports and services designed to assist parents in helping their child learn and grow and support family access to resources and supports.	○	○	○	○
7. Provide information and support to family members or parents during the eligibility determination and evaluation process.	○	○	○	○
8. Explain the purpose and process of an evaluation or assessment and ask the parents how they would like to participate.	○	○	○	○