



# Early Intervention Training Center & Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project



## Early Intervention – Digital Storytelling

### Overview

Digital Stories are multimedia life stories produced by ordinary people telling stories of their own lives. Digital storytelling may be used in a variety of ways including outreach and awareness campaigns, marketing, training, and recruitment. Creating a digital story involves the following components:

1. Explain digital storytelling to the storyteller
2. Draft and revise the script for the story
3. Record audio for the story
4. Edit the audio recording
5. Gather, scan and edit images that represent a family story
6. Production of a “rough cut” in video editing software
7. Production of a final cut
8. Export a video
9. Burn to DVDs and/or upload to the web.

Digital stories will be used in many venues for the EI Training Center. The intent is to use the stories as training tools for new staff and for families to increase their knowledge of the EI system.

### **Criteria for Parent Participation:**

- Experience in a Massachusetts Early Intervention program (must be a parent of a child currently enrolled in EI or has graduated within the last two years)
- Unique story to share about their EI experience
- Must agree to the time commitments involved in the production of a digital story
- Willing to share their story and visual images of their family
- Preference will be given to families in
  - Diverse cultural/ethnic representation
  - Diverse geographic representation (urban vs. rural)

### **Parent Responsibilities**

- Develop a script of their story
- Work with DPH staff to edit and finalize script and visual images
- Record audio of the story
- Select images to share
- Work with EITC staff to produce finalized cut product

### **Commitment**

Parents must commit to the following:

- Attend ½ day training (reimbursement to include travel time)
- Share story/script writing
- Provide feedback and input to final video (approximately 3 minutes in length)

Parents will receive reimbursement for the completion of the digital story. Attendance at the training is required, and parents would receive a separate invoice as part of the overall stipend to attend the training.

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