

ICC MISSION & PRINCIPLES

Under the mandate established by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Massachusetts Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) advises and assists the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in planning, development and implementation of the early intervention system. In fulfilling its duties, the ICC will strive to ensure the seven principles listed below.

The Massachusetts ICC is committed to supporting a fiscally stable, quality system of early intervention services that is family-centered, child oriented, comprehensive, coordinated, community-based, multidisciplinary and developmental. Services should be based on the outcomes identified in each individualized family service plan (IFSP) within the daily routine of the family and child.

- I. Promotion of interagency collaboration and coordinating in all areas, such as training, program development and implementation.**
- II. Equal access to and the availability of quality early intervention services throughout the state.**
- III. Early Intervention services will respect and address the diversity of the families served.**
- IV. Parents are regarded as the primary decision-makers for their families in the collaborative process of individualized service development and delivery.**
- V. Parent/Professional collaboration will occur at all levels of state and local service planning, training and evaluation of programs, the early intervention system and policy development.**
- VI. Adequate human and financial resources for the implementation of the early intervention services system.**
- VII. Adequate state and federal support of the early intervention service system.**