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# Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Provider Information

<p><b>Who can Provide Services?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table A lists disciplines that can provide services in the Infant &amp; Toddler Connection of Virginia. The service(s) listed on the table are what is recorded on the IFSP when that discipline provides entitled Early Intervention Services. Refer to the Glossary in the Infant &amp; Toddler Connection of Virginia Practice Manual for additional information about the scope of services for each discipline. <a href="http://www.infantva.org/documents/pr-PM-PracticeManual.pdf">http://www.infantva.org/documents/pr-PM-PracticeManual.pdf</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What are the Requirements for Providers?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel providing Part C early intervention supports and services in Virginia must meet the discipline-specific qualifications specified in Table A</li> <li>In addition to the discipline specific licensure and/or certification requirements, individual practitioners of Early Intervention Services, except physicians, audiologists and registered dietitians, must be certified by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) as an Early Intervention Professional, Early Intervention Specialist, or Early Intervention Service Coordinator. See Table B for training/competency requirements.</li> <li>In order to provide both service coordination and another Early Intervention Service, a practitioner must be certified as both an Early Intervention Professional <b>and</b> an Early Intervention Service Coordinator <b>or</b> as both an Early Intervention Specialist <b>and</b> an Early Intervention Service Coordinator.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do providers become certified?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply online using the online application on the <a href="http://www.infantva.org">www.infantva.org</a> web site.</li> <li>Click on "For Providers". Click on "Practitioner Certification Application".</li> <li>Follow the instructions in the Online Practitioner Certification Manual. Practitioners will need their license and the dates of completion of the required training accessible to them in order to complete the certification application.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How are providers hired or contracted to provide services?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services are managed through Local Infant &amp; Toddler Connection Systems.</li> <li>Click on "System Managers" on <a href="http://www.infantva.org">www.infantva.org</a> for a list of Local Infant &amp; Toddler Connection Systems including System Manager contact information.</li> <li>Local Infant &amp; Toddler Connection Systems may employ providers or contract with individual providers or provider agencies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What are the expectations for providers in the Infant &amp; Toddler Connection of Virginia?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet discipline specific and Early Intervention Certification qualifications.</li> <li>Know, understand and follow Part C requirements.</li> <li>Meet employer and/or contractual requirements.</li> <li>Provide supports and services as part of a team, using family centered and evidence - based practices.</li> <li>Participate in payor networks in order to meet Part C Payor of Last Resort requirement.</li> <li>Have a relationship with the Local Infant &amp; Toddler Connection System in the geographical areas in which they are providing supports and services (through contracts, Memoranda of Agreement, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>How can providers learn more?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View information on the Infant &amp; Toddler Connection website: <a href="http://www.infantva.org">www.infantva.org</a></li> <li>Contact the Infant &amp; Toddler Connection of Virginia at 804-786-3710</li> <li>Email Infant &amp; Toddler Connection of Virginia staff: Contact information is listed at: <a href="http://www.infantva.org/Contactus.htm">http://www.infantva.org/Contactus.htm</a></li> <li>Contact the System Manager for the Local Infant &amp; Toddler Connection System.</li> </ul>

**Table A: Disciplines Who Can Provide Services in the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia**

Discipline	Qualifications	Scope of Responsibilities						Services	Early Intervention Reimbursement Category	
		Screen	Elig. Det.	Assessment	Direct Child/Family	Teaming	Supervise Staff		1	2
<b>Early Intervention Professionals</b>										
Nurse - Includes Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner	Licensure by the Virginia Board of Nursing as a registered nurse or Licensure by the Virginia Board of Nursing as a nurse practitioner	X	X	X	X	X	X	Nursing Services, including Developmental Services Assistive Technology Services	X	
Occupational Therapist	Licensure as Occupational Therapist by the Virginia Board of Medicine	X	X	X	X	X	X	Occupational Therapy Assistive Technology Services	X	
Physical Therapist	Licensure as Physical Therapist by the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy	X	X	X	X	X	X	Physical Therapy Assistive Technology Services	X	
Speech-Language Pathologist	Licensure in Speech-Language Pathology by the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	X	X	X	X	X	X	Speech-Language Pathology Assistive Technology Services	X	
Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist	Certification through the National Council on Therapeutic Recreation Certification	X	X	X	X	X	X	Developmental Services Assistive Technology Services		X
Counselor: Licensed Professional Counselor	Licensure as Licensed Professional Counselor by the Virginia Board of Counseling	X	X	X	X	X	X	Counseling Services		X
School Counselor	Licensure with an endorsement as a School Counselor (pre K – 12) by the Virginia Board of Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	Counseling Services		X
Educators: Early Childhood Special Educator	Licensure with an endorsement in Special Education - Early Childhood (birth-5) by the Virginia Board of Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	Developmental Services Assistive Technology Services		X

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		Screen	Elig. Det.	Assessment	Direct Child/Family	Teaming	Supervise Staff		1	2
Educator	Licensure with endorsement in Early/Primary Education (PreK – 3, NK-4 or PreK-6) by the Virginia Board of Education							Developmental Services Assistive Technology Services		
	Licensure with endorsement in Career and Technical Education-Family and Consumer Sciences by the Virginia Board of Education	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
	Technical Professional License in Career and Technical Education-Family and Consumer Sciences by the Virginia Board of Education									
Educator of the Hearing Impaired	Licensure with endorsement in Special Education - Hearing Impairments (pre K – 12) by the Virginia Board of Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	Developmental Services Assistive Technology Services		X
Educator of the Visually Impaired	Licensure with endorsement in Special Education - Visual Impairments (pre K – 12) by the Virginia Board of Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	Developmental Services Assistive Technology Services		X
Family and Consumer Science Professional	Employed in Virginia's Part C system before July 1, 2009: Certification through the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.							Developmental Services Assistive Technology Services		
	Employed on or after July 1, 2009: Certification with successful completion of the concentration examination in human development and family studies through the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.	X	X	X	X	X	X			X

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		Screen	Elig. Det.	Assessment	Direct Child/Family	Teaming	Supervise Staff		1	2
Family therapist	Licensure as Marriage and Family Therapist by the Virginia Board of Counseling	X	X	X	X	X	X	Family Counseling Services		X
Music Therapist	Certification by Certification Board for Music Therapy (MT-BC)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Developmental Services		X
Orientation and Mobility Specialist	Certification by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board as a National Orientation and Mobility Certificant (NOMC); OR certification by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) as a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS)	X	X	X	X	X	X	Vision Services Assistive Technology Services		X
Psychologist: Clinical psychologist	Licensure as Clinical Psychologist by Virginia Board of Psychology	X	X	X	X	X	X	Psychological Services		X
School psychologist	Licensure with endorsement in School Psychology by the Virginia Board of Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	Psychological Services		X
Applied psychologist	Licensure as Applied Psychologist by Virginia Board of Psychology	X	X	X	X	X	X	Psychological Services		X
Social Worker: Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Licensure as Licensed Clinical Social Worker by the Virginia Board of Social Work	X	X	X	X	X	X	Social Work Services		X
School Social Worker	Licensure with endorsement as a school social worker by the Virginia Board of Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	Social Work Services		X
<b>Early Intervention Specialists</b>										
Occupational Therapy Assistant	Licensure as Occupational Therapy Assistant by the Virginia Board of Medicine	X w/training			X w/Supervision	X		Occupational Therapy Assistive Technology Services	x	
Physical Therapist Assistant	Licensure as Physical Therapist Assistant by the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy	X w/training			X w/Supervision	X		Physical Therapy Assistive Technology Services	x	

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		Screen	Elig. Det.	Assessment	Direct Child/Family	Teaming	Supervise Staff		1	2
Certified Nurse Aide	Certification as Nurse Aide by the Virginia Board of Nursing	X w/training			X w/Supervision	X		Nursing Services including Developmental Services		X
Early Intervention Assistant	GED, High School Diploma or College Degree	X w/training			X w/Supervision	X		Developmental Services		X
Licensed Practical Nurse	Licensure as Practical Nurse by the Virginia Board of Nursing	X w/training			X w/Supervision	X		Nursing Services including Developmental Services		X
Licensed Social Worker	Licensure as Licensed Social Worker by the Virginia Board of Social Work	X w/training			X w/Supervision	X		Social Work Services		X
<b>Early Intervention Service Coordinators</b>										
Early Intervention Service Coordinator	GED, High School Diploma or College Degree	X w/training			X	X	X other SCs	Service Coordination	NA (TCM for Eligible Children)	
<b>Other Professionals Who Provide Early Intervention Services</b>										
Audiologist	Licensure in Audiology by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	X	X	X	X	X	X	Audiology	NA	
Registered Dietitian	Registration by the Commission on Dietetic Registration	X	X	X	X	X	X	Nutrition Services	NA	
Physician	Licensure in Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine by the Virginia Bd. of Med.	X	X	X	X	X	X	Medical Services	NA	

**A Note about Assistive Technology and Assistive Technology Services:** Assistive Technology is defined differently by DMAS and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA – Part C). The Part C definitions are listed below. DMAS reimburses for Assistive Technology devices using DMAS enrolled Durable Medical Equipment providers. Services provided by EI practitioners which facilitate the use of Assistive Technology Devices are reimbursed as EI services. AT related services are reimbursed as such using the procedure codes that correspond to the treating provider's license, certification within their scope of practice.

Assistive technology device - Any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of children with disabilities. The term does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted, including cochlear implants, or the optimization (e.g., mapping), maintenance or replacement of that device

Assistive technology services - Any service that directly assists a child with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. Assistive technology services include:

- The assessment of the needs of a child with a disability, including a functional assessment of the child in the child's customary environment;
- Purchasing, leasing or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology devices by children with disabilities;
- Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing or replacing assistive technology devices;
- Coordinating and using other therapies, interventions, supports or services with assistive technology devices, such as those associated with existing education and rehabilitation plans and programs;
- Training or technical assistance for a child with disabilities, that child's family, other caregivers or service providers on the use of assistive technology determined to be appropriate; and
- Collaboration with the family and other early intervention service providers identified on an infant or toddler's IFSP.

**Table B: Early Intervention Certification Requirements**

Training Content	Competencies	Required for Whom	Training Format/ Mechanisms	Certification Requirements
<b>Requirements for Certification - Practitioners</b>				
<b>Early Intervention Principles and Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module 1: Child Development</li> <li>• Module 2: Family-Centered Practices</li> <li>• Module 3: Service Pathway</li> <li>• Module 4: Practitioner Requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EI Foundations 1.0-1.6</li> <li>• Family Centered Practices 2.0 – 2.5</li> <li>• Team Practices 3.0-3.6</li> <li>• Infant /Toddler Development 4.0-4.6</li> <li>• Eligibility Determination 5.0-5.4</li> <li>• Assess. For Service Planning 6.0-6.6</li> <li>• IFSP 7.0 – 7.7</li> <li>• EI Service Delivery 8.0-8.13</li> <li>• Supporting Transitions 9.0-9.4</li> <li>• Service Coordination 10.0 – 10.7</li> </ul>	<p align="center">Modules 1-4: EI Personnel who will provide early intervention services or service coordination</p>	<p align="center">Online, independent, pass competency test</p>	<p align="center"><b>Modules 1-4 Required in order to enroll as EI provider</b></p>
<b>Requirements for Three Year Re-certification</b>				
<b>Content selected to meet the following criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidenced based practices</li> <li>• Changes in policies, procedures, practices</li> <li>• Topics identified on personal development plan</li> <li>• Training needed for new responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p align="center">Infant &amp; Toddler Connection of Virginia Core Competencies</p>	<p align="center">Service Providers, including Service Coordinators</p>	<p align="center">Online modules, courses, face to face, etc</p>	<p align="center"><b>30 hours of training completed since the previous certification</b></p>

The **Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Early Intervention Competencies** can be found at: <http://www.infantva.org/documents/ovw-cc-EI-ITC-CoreCompetenc.pdf>