



## HELP SHAPE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS IN DC: JOIN THE DC ICC

The DC Interagency Coordinating Council (DC ICC) is seeking parents of children younger than age 12 with disabilities to join as representatives! Parents who join the DC ICC will advise the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) on early intervention services for children from birth through age 3.

### WHAT IS THE DC ICC?

The DC ICC assists Mayor Muriel Bowser and OSSE in the development of a District-wide, comprehensive, interagency and family-centered network to inform the District's early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) requires each state participating in IDEA Part C Early Intervention Services to establish an ICC. Every state and the District of Columbia has a group of parents, service providers, agency leaders and others who make up the ICC.

### WHAT DO DC ICC MEMBERS DO?

DC ICC representatives hold quarterly public meetings and provide advice and assistance including:

- Identifying fiscal and other supports for early intervention programs;
- Promoting collaboration among agencies to support Child Find, monitoring, financial responsibility and early intervention services;
- Transitioning toddlers with disabilities to preschool and other appropriate services; and
- Preparing and submitting an annual report on the status of early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

### WHY JOIN AS A REPRESENTATIVE?

Parents and families know best the education, care and supports young children need. By joining the DC ICC, you will meet other parents, learn more about early intervention, give input and share your experience to ensure DC children receive the best possible early intervention services.

### HOW TO JOIN

Interested in joining the DC ICC? Complete the signup process by visiting: [bit.ly/JoinDCICC](https://bit.ly/JoinDCICC).

### QUESTIONS?

For questions about the DC ICC, contact Cynthia McEwen, parent representative and ICC chairperson, at [cynthia.mcewen01@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.mcewen01@gmail.com), or Andres Alvarado, State Part C Director, at [Andres.Alvarado@dc.gov](mailto:Andres.Alvarado@dc.gov).