

SERVICE COORDINATION

WHAT IS THE IIP – CAN MY FAMILY BENEFIT?

The “Individual Interagency Intervention Plan” or “IIP” or “Triple IP” is offered to families in accordance with federal and state legislation. It is designed for families who are receiving two or more services, including special education, human services, and public health/medical services. Your family may choose to utilize the IIP or you may choose to maintain separate plans with the agencies delivering services to your child and family. This information has been provided to you for help inform you about the IIP and how it might help your family.

What can the IIP do for my family?

The IIP process and plan could assist you in the following ways:

1. Help you identify available services within Otter Tail County and your local school district;
2. Coordinate referral, evaluation and service planning of several existing systems;
3. Define financial responsibilities among agencies involved;
4. Manage and monitor the IIP process and plan;
5. Support through conflict resolution.

Why would my family choose a IIP over a standard IEP?

The process of finding and accessing appropriate and available services for a child with a disability can be a burdensome and overwhelming process for families. As a parent, you may need to access and report separately to multiple agencies such as medical, special education, human services, rehabilitation and medical assistance. To further complicate matters, each program and agency may have very different eligibility requirements, methods of service delivery and operation, and evaluation methods. The lack of interagency coordination not only results in confusion for families, but often subjects them to fragmented service delivery, gaps in provision of services and sometimes costly duplication of services.

Where did the IIP come from?

To assist families and involved agencies, the Interagency Services for Children with Disabilities Act was passed in Minnesota. It supports the development and implementation of a coordinated interagency service system for children and youth with disabilities receiving services from more than one agency from birth through age 21. This coordinated effort required agreements between the school boards of the schools in Otter Tail County and the Otter Tail County Human Services Board.

Who can I contact for more information about the IIP?

For more information about the IIP, please contact your child’s special education case manager. Working together, they will be able to help you determine if the IIP is right for your child and your family.