



# **The Groden Center, Inc.**

## **Early Intervention Program for Children under Age 3**

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### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

#### ***1. What is The Groden Center EIP's treatment philosophy?***

The Groden Center EIP uses an integrated treatment approach, combining the principles of applied behavior analysis or ABA with knowledge of developmental principles. Teaching goals are individualized and emphasize the acquisition of functional and age-appropriate skills taught in a positive, fun manner. Staff are trained in ABA techniques and utilize reinforcement to promote desired behaviors and to foster communication and play skills. The EI team's work with children may involve use of discrete trial training, picture communication system, use of basic signs and natural gestures, structured group activities, and utilizing the child's interests and preferences as a means of motivation.

#### ***2. How is the Groden Center EIP funded?***

Funding for the RI network of EIPs comes from state and federal funds as well as private health insurance. Services provided by an EIP are billed to a private health insurance, Medicaid and the RI Department of Human Services. The Rhode Island network of EIPs consists of eight full-service provider programs and specialty provider programs like the Groden Center EIP.

#### ***3. Who pays for the Groden Center EIP services that my family receives?***

Families do not pay directly for EIP services. The Groden Center EIP follows the same billing procedures as the full-service EI providers. A family's health insurance covers some of the EI services and additional funding is coordinated by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

#### ***4. What are the qualifications and training of the EIP staff?***

The EIP team members are caring professionals with backgrounds in special education, early childhood education, speech and language pathology, psychology, or occupational therapy and meet the personnel qualifications outlined in the Rhode Island Early Intervention Program Regulations. All staff members have completed the statewide training course in Early Intervention as well as the Groden Center's training program on positive behavior management. On-going supervision is a routine part of the Groden Center EIP.

#### ***5. What is the relationship between my full-service EIP and the Groden Center EIP?***

Groden Center EI services are designed to supplement the services of the full-service provider, not replace them. Groden EIP staff work collaboratively with the full-service EIP staff and maintain on-going communication through phone calls, joint visits, and shared progress notes. The Groden Center EIP also assists with coordination of care and transitions at age three, as requested. The full-service provider maintains responsibility for case coordination, assessments, IFSP development, and transitions. Groden EIP services are added to the service summary page of the Individual Family Service Plan or IFSP. Specific IFSP outcomes may be developed by the Groden EIP.