

Minnesota's Interagency Coordinated System

In 1998, the Interagency Services for Children with Disabilities Act was passed in Minnesota. This legislation requires public agencies to implement a coordinated, multi-agency intervention service system for children and youth with disabilities, ages birth to 21.

What does that mean?

The goal of the legislation is to simplify and improve services for children and their families who are working with more than one agency. When all service providers cooperate to develop a unified service plan, children with disabilities receive coordinated services.

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Coordinated Interagency Services

*Working together to
improve services for
children and youth
with disabilities and
their families.*



What is meant by “coordinated interagency services” & “interagency planning?”

Public agencies work together to create a network of services for children with disabilities. Working together reduces duplication of effort and coordinates services across home, school and community.

Why participate in the interagency planning?

Interagency planning means fewer meetings and fewer written documents. All agencies that provide services are able to plan, problem solve and share resources at the same meeting. The result is improved coordination of services and less paperwork.

What is an IIP?

The Individual Interagency Intervention Plan (IIP) is a single plan for your child. It replaces multiple agency plans, such as the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and the Individual Service Plan (ISP). The plan documents all agency services for your child.

Who is eligible for Interagency Planning and an IIP?

Students who are eligible for special education and receive services from at least one other public agency, are eligible for interagency planning and a single plan.

How is a IIP meeting different from an IEP meeting?

In the IIP meeting, all service providers, and parents are members of a planning team. A single plan (IIP) that includes services from all of the involved agencies is developed. The IIP meeting process allows all team members to participate equally and results in a more efficiently run meeting.

What plans will the IIP combine?

Individualized Service Plans (ISP)
Community Alternative Care Plan (CAC)
Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals Plan (CADI)
Traumatic Brain Injury Plan (TBI)
Individual Education Plan (IEP)
Individual Family Community Support Plan (ISCSP)
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
Individual Community Support Plan (ICSP)
Multi Agency Plan of Care

What are the benefits of interagency planning?

A simpler life! Interagency planning gives you one plan, one meeting, one timeline and one point of contact. In addition, communication among service providers is improved resulting in more effective services.

Is interagency planning required?

A family can choose not to use the IIP, however, state law requires public agencies to offer and participate in the interagency planning process.

How do I get started?

Just ask! All service providers are encouraged to ask families if they would like to participate in interagency planning. By law, parents are entitled to request interagency planning and develop a IIP.

How do I get more information on the IIP process and documentation?

You can begin by your child’s IEP or social services case manager. If you wish further information, call the Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative (218)879-1283 and ask to speak to the director of special education or a special education coordinator.

