Dear Illinois Early Intervention Family:

Thank you for participating in the Early Intervention Program. I hope that the program’s services and supports have helped you to enhance your child’s learning and development. Families who have received Early Intervention services are asked to complete the enclosed Family Outcomes Survey (survey). Your response to the survey will be used to improve Early Intervention services and supports.

This survey will only take you 7 to 10 minutes to complete. There are four ways to fill-out the survey.

1. Complete the enclosed hard copy of the survey and use the prepaid envelope provided to return it to the Illinois Early Intervention Training Program at the University of Illinois.

2. Complete this survey online by going to the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOSENGFY16-17. Please be sure to include your 8-digit survey number found at the bottom, right side of the survey.

3. Complete this survey verbally by calling the Illinois Early Intervention Training Program at the University of Illinois toll-free at (866) 509-3867 or (217) 244-2608.

4. Complete this survey online by scanning the QR Code provided on this letter, with your cell phone. You will need your 8-digit survey number found at the bottom, right side of the survey.

Please complete and send the survey as soon as possible.

Please note that your personal information will be kept strictly confidential. Your answers will not be shared with your child’s Early Intervention provider(s) or Child and Family Connections staff. Results from this survey will be combined and reported in summary form only.

We greatly appreciate your feedback.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Freiburg, Interim Chief
Bureau of Early Intervention
Dear Survey Participant,

We are conducting a study to determine the training needs of Early Intervention Providers. This study is part of the work of the Early Intervention Training Program at the University of Illinois. For purposes of this study, we would like to invite you to participate by completing the Family Outcomes Survey. Your response will help us better prepare early interventionists for their work with children and families as well as guide systems improvements.

The Family Outcomes Survey can be completed in approximately 7-10 minutes either online https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOSENGFY16-17; or by paper copy (see attached) and returned to our offices using the stamped, self-addressed envelope. You do not have to answer any of the questions that you do not wish to answer. You will not be required to include your name with the survey. By completing this survey, you are consenting to be a part of this research study.

We will be combining responses from all completed surveys and analyzing them as a group. Upon completion of the project, we will destroy all the individual data collected from this study. Results of this study will be used for a final report due to the Illinois Department of Human Services, journal articles, and conference presentations. In any publications or public presentations related to this study, no personally identifiable information will be shared.

We want to assure you that information derived from your completed survey will be held in strictest confidence, and that you may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. Your participation in this project is completely voluntary and your choice to participate or not will not impact your current and future participation in the early intervention system. We do not expect any risk to completing this survey greater than normal life and we expect that this project will improve training for early interventionists.

For questions about your rights as a participant in research involving human subjects, please feel free to contact the University of Illinois Institutional Review Board (IRB) Office at (217) 333-2670 or by email at irb@illinois.edu. You are welcome to call collect if you identify yourself as a research participant.

Please keep this consent form for your records. Thank you in advance for considering this request. If you have any questions about this request, you may contact me by telephone at 217-300-9661 or toll free 866-509-3867 or via email at families@illinoiseitraining.org.

Sincerely,

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**SECTION A: Family Outcomes**

**Instructions:** Section A of the Family Outcomes Survey focuses on the ways in which you support your child’s needs. For each statement below, please select which option best describes your family right now: not at all, a little, somewhat, almost, or completely.

### OUTCOME 1: Understanding your child’s strengths, needs, and abilities
1. We know the next steps for our child’s growth and learning.
2. We understand our child’s strengths and abilities.
3. We understand our child’s delays and/or needs.
4. We are able to tell when our child is making progress.

### OUTCOME 2: Knowing your rights and advocating for your child
5. We are able to find and use the services and programs available to us.
6. We know our rights related to our child’s special needs.
7. We know who to contact and what to do when we have questions or concerns.
8. We know what options are available when our child leaves the program.
9. We are comfortable asking for services & supports that our child and family need.

### OUTCOME 3: Helping your child develop and learn
10. We are able to help our child get along with others.
11. We are able to help our child learn new skills.
12. We are able to help our child take care of his/her needs.
13. We are able to work on our child’s goals during everyday routines.

### OUTCOME 4: Having support systems
14. We are comfortable talking to family and friends about our child’s needs.
15. We have friends or family members who listen and care.
16. We are able to talk with other families who have a child with similar needs.
17. We have friends or family members we can rely on when we need help.
18. I am able to take care of my own needs and do things I enjoy.

### OUTCOME 5: Accessing the community
19. Our child participates in social, recreational, or religious activities that we want.
20. We are able to do things we enjoy together as a family.
21. Our medical and dental needs are met.
22. Our child care needs are met.
23. Our transportation needs are met.
24. Our food, clothing, and housing needs are met.

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Family Outcomes Survey
Revised Version

SECTION B: Helpfulness of Early Intervention

Instructions: Section B of the Family Outcomes Survey focuses on the helpfulness of early intervention. For each question below, please select how helpful early intervention has been to you and your family over the past year: Not at all helpful, a little helpful, somewhat helpful, very helpful, or extremely helpful.

Knowing your rights

How helpful has early intervention been in...
1. giving you useful information about services and supports for you and your child?
2. giving you useful information about your rights related to your child’s special needs?
3. giving you useful information about who to contact when you have questions or concerns?
4. giving you useful information about available options when your child leaves the program?
5. explaining your rights in ways that are easy for you to understand?

Communicating your child’s needs

How helpful has early intervention been in...
6. giving you useful information about your child’s delays or needs?
7. listening to you and respecting your choices?
8. connecting you with other services or people who can help your child and family?
9. talking with you about your child and family’s strengths and needs?
10. talking with you about what you think is important for your child and family?
11. developing a good relationship with you and your family?

Helping your child develop and learn

How helpful has early intervention been in...
12. giving you useful information about how to help your child get along with others?
13. giving you useful information about how to help your child learn new skills?
14. giving you useful information about how to help your child take care of his/her needs?
15. identifying things you do that help your child learn and grow?
16. sharing ideas on how to include your child in daily activities?
17. working with you to know when your child is making progress?

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