

What about private agencies?

Many children receive services from private providers as well. Private providers can always be invited to coordinated meetings; however they are not required to participate by law. It is helpful to have all providers present to better coordinate services. Private provider services can also be listed on the coordinated plan.



When can we begin?

At your child's meeting, a team member will talk with you to determine if you want to use a coordinated plan when your child's IEP, ISP, IFSP, or other formal plan is due for review. If you choose the coordinated plan, they will also talk with you about what needs, concerns, questions, or issues you want to have addressed in the interagency meeting.

Do I have to choose a coordinated plan?

A family can choose not to use a coordinated plan and interagency team planning. Families may decide to continue with separate written plans from each agency and separate meetings to develop the plans.

Some parts of your services can remain separate even if you choose to use the interagency plan. If there are sensitive matters you prefer not to discuss with the whole team, simply tell your social worker or public health nurse.



Want to learn more?

If you have more questions, contact your child's school staff, social worker, or public health nurse for further information.

You can also access the Minnesota System of Interagency Coordination (MnSIC) website at www.mnsic.org.

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COORDINATED SERVICE PLANS

*A coordinated plan for
children with disabilities*



What is a coordinated plan?

Through a state law, Minnesota is simplifying the current way of providing services to children with disabilities and their families.

If your child receives services from more than one public agency, each agency develops their own written plan of services with you at separate meetings. These plans are referred to as an IEP (Individual Education Plan), ISP (Individual Service Plan) or IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan).

Through the Individual Interagency Intervention Plan (IIIP), special education staff, county social workers, public health nurses and/or other service providers can meet with you at one time to develop a coordinated written plan for your child and family that includes both educational and county services.

How will this affect me?

If you choose a coordinated service plan and an interagency planning meeting, this may mean fewer meetings and written documents for you. Everyone who provides services will work together with you to problem solve, share resources, and provide information. The goal for your child and family is better coordination of services and less paperwork.

Who is eligible?

Any child who has an IEP, ISP or an IFSP and receives services from at least one additional public agency will be eligible for this coordinated plan. Children with disabilities from birth through age 21 may be eligible for a coordinated plan.



How will the interagency meeting be different?

The IEP, for example, is a meeting to plan special education and related services. While your social worker or public health nurse may be there, they are not using the meeting to plan their respective services and may not be an active participant in the meeting. They may attend the meeting at your request to keep up to date on your child's educational services and progress.

In the coordinated meeting, all service providers, along with the parents, are members of the planning team and use the meeting to develop a single plan that includes services from all of the involved agencies.

Will services change?

The actual services will remain the same. The way services are planned and coordinated will change. This will help make sure the needs of children and families are being met.

What public agencies?

If your child receives services from county, state or federal agencies, staff from those agencies would be notified of the interagency team meeting. Those staff could include:

County Staff

- Public Health Nurses
- Developmental Disabilities Social Workers
- Children's Mental Health or Adult Mental Health Social Workers
- Probation Officers
- Truancy Supervision

School Staff

- School Psychologists
- Special Education Teachers

Federal Programs

- Head Start