

# Supporting Families In Early Intervention

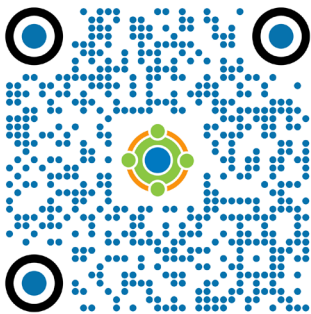
## Hey Early Interventionists!

You are on the frontlines, helping parents and caregivers during what can be one of the most difficult times in their lives.

**Do you meet families who want to talk to a professional with lived experience?** Do you get questions about waivers? About childcare? About finding the right doctors? About rare diagnoses? About transitioning out of EI? About becoming stronger advocates?

**There are 3 Virginia organizations who do that and more; serving families (for FREE) at every stage, including the EI years.**

### The Center for Family Involvement



The Center for Family Involvement provides individuals with disabilities and their families with informational and emotional support.

### New Path

A Program of The Arc of Virginia



New Path provides information, resources and support for families and community partners working with children prenatal-5 who are at risk of or have a developmental disability.

### Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center



PEATC helps children with disabilities (birth - age 26), their families, and professionals learn about and navigate special education and disability service systems.

**It does NOT matter which organization you refer families to!** These organizations are community partners who collaborate. Their focus is getting families the answers and help they need. Nearly all staff and volunteers at CFI, New Path, and PEATC are folks with lived experience who truly understand.

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“We’ve been there. We know how hard this is for families. We have made it our mission to make it easier.”

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