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The Arc of New Jersey's Position on Early Intervention Services

The Arc of New Jersey believes that family choice must be a critical factor in the determination of Early Intervention services and environments. Families must have the opportunity to choose from a variety of options.

The Arc believes that Early Intervention services should be available in natural environments, and this should be the first option considered. However, families should not be forced to accept this option exclusively. Families should have the right to choose from natural environment options, center based options and/or a combination of center based and natural environments. A full range of choices must be preserved for families so that they may be empowered to select the appropriate environments or combination of environments to successfully achieve outcomes for both the family and the child as described in the Individualized Family Service Plan.

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