

Virtual Home Visiting Quick Reference

FAMILY GUIDANCE



IMPLEMENTING FLORIDA EMBEDDED PRACTICES AND INTERVENTION WITH CAREGIVERS (FL-EPIC) MODEL VIRTUALLY

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CONNECTION MATTERS



WHAT IS VIRTUAL HOME VISITING?



Virtual home visiting is a way of providing early intervention services to families and children using your laptop or desktop computer, tablet, or phone instead of in-person visits. The services and supports you receive from your Early Steps provider will not change, only how your provider meets with you.



Device



Lighting



Secure Surface

- You need a laptop computer, tablet, desktop computer with webcam, or smart phone.
- Adequate lighting ensures both parties can see each other. Lighting that is aimed toward a person's face is better than lighting coming from behind a person.
- Place the device (e.g., laptop, camera, phone, tablet) on a firm secure surface for clear picture. It is helpful to position the device farther away to increase the viewing space.
- If you and your child move from one area of the room to another or to different rooms of your home, move your device with you.

CONNECTIVITY TIPS

- If possible, hardwire computers or laptops directly to a router. When using Wi-Fi, move as close as you can to the router or base station.
- Update computer software and delete unused programs to increase memory.
- Close all other programs that are not needed during the virtual session (e.g., browsers, calendar).

Virtual Home Visiting Session

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Provider Support

Your provider will still focus on supporting you to help your child learn new skills during everyday routines and activities, such as meals, toothbrushing, bath time, or backyard play time.



Routines and Activities

Even when routines or activities change due to unexpected events, your provider can help you support your child during new or different routines and activities.



Privacy

Your provider will record the virtual home visit, just like your provider records your in-person home visits. Providers keep all family and child information (including video recordings) confidential. Your child's privacy and health information will be protected at all times.



Additional Tips for a Successful Virtual Home Visit



- Implement strategies during routines when and where they normally occur.
- Your provider will “join” you in your routines and activities at the time you have scheduled.



- Have your provider's cell phone number available in case you lose your video or audio connection.



- If you are not familiar with the virtual home visiting technology your provider is using, ask your provider to spend some time to help you learn about the features you may need.

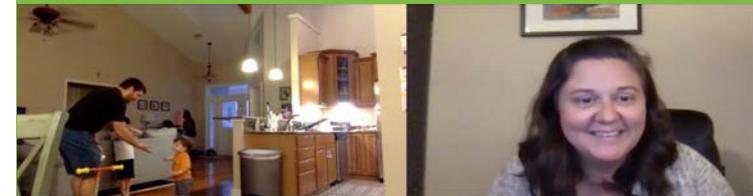
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



- A to Z of Early Childhood: H is for Home Visiting



- A to Z of Early Childhood: E is for Everyday Learning Opportunities



- Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) Family Practice Guides