

Child's Last Name

Child's First Name

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KIDSNET is Rhode Island's secure, confidential computerized child health information system administered by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

KIDSNET provides information health information used to coordinate care and services, support the delivery of timely health screenings and preventive care, and identify children who may need medical and/or developmental support.

All Rhode Island parents are notified when their child is first entered into the **KIDSNET** information system. For children born in RI, this happens at birth or when your child sees a doctor or program participating in **KIDSNET**.

Your child's **KIDSNET** record includes:

- Information including your child's name, parent's name, address, and healthcare provider.
- Your child's vaccinations, newborn hearing screening, lead screenings, preventive health services, and other developmental screening results.
- Information about your child's participation in home visiting programs, Early Intervention and WIC

With your permission the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Early Intervention's lead agency, will release the following Early Intervention related information to the **KIDSNET** information system.

- Your child's name, parent's name, address, Early Intervention provider, your child's referral, evaluation and IFSP dates, discharge date and discharge status (i.e. reason for discharge).

KIDSNET will share this information with the authorized users with providing medical and/or developmental support noted below.

For more information about **KIDSNET**, please visit <https://health.ri.gov/programs/kidsnet/for/parents/> or call the **KIDSNET** Help Desk at **(401) 222-5960 / RI Relay 711**.

Consent to Release Information

I give my permission to release my child's name, my name, address, Early Intervention provider, my child's referral, evaluation and IFSP dates, discharge date and discharge status to the Department of Health **KIDSNET** information system. I understand this information can be accessed by the following authorized users:

- **RI Department of Health** (*Home Visiting, WIC, Newborn Hearing Screening, RI Early Hearing Assessment and Intervention Program [RIEHDI], Developmental Screening, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Lead Centers, Birth Defects, Childcare Health Consultants, HIV case managers*)
- **RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Programs** (*Early Intervention, Cedar Family Centers*)
- **RI Department of Education/School Departments** (*Child Outreach Program, Parents as Teachers*)
- **RI Head Start and Early Head Start Programs**
- **Medical Care Providers** (*e.g. Doctors, Nurses, Audiologists, Managed Care Coordinators, Hasbro Clinicians including: Cystic Fibrosis, Endocrine, Hemoglobin, Metabolic and SCID, Women and Infants Family Care Follow-Up Clinic*)
- **Managed Care Organizations** (*e.g. Blue Cross Blue Shield, UnitedHealthcare, Neighborhood Health Care, Tufts*)

I do not give my consent to release my child's Early Intervention information to **KIDSNET**.

I understand that I may cancel my consent at any given time by notifying my service coordinator and completing a new **KIDSNET** consent form. The cancellation will be effective upon the date the form is completed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is KIDSNET?

KIDSNET is Rhode Island's Child Health Information System, administered by the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH). KIDSNET keeps track of immunizations, newborn hearing screening and lead screening results, as well as participation in programs like WIC, Home Visiting and Early Intervention, for all children in RI.

How does KIDSNET ensure my child's information is protected?

All providers using KIDSNET have to sign a confidentiality agreement that references the state statute covering access to records, penalties for accessing data not pertinent to their employment responsibilities, and prosecution for any unauthorized disclosure of information. All users must be authorized by the RI Department of Health KIDSNET.

How does my child's information get into KIDSNET?

Children are enrolled in KIDSNET at birth if they are born in Rhode Island. For those children born outside of RI, a record is created when data is sent to KIDSNET after they receive an immunization or enroll in program such as Early Intervention, WIC or other state sponsored program. Almost all children living in Rhode Island are in KIDSNET.

What Early Intervention information is in KIDSNET?

RI Early Intervention shares the following information with KIDSNET: the date your child was referred and evaluated, the date your IFSP was signed and the date your child is discharged. The agency where your child receives EI services and discharge reason (i.e. met outcomes, moved out of state, etc.) are also included. KIDSNET does not have information about why your child was referred, what made them eligible for Early Intervention or any information about evaluation results.

Who has access to my child's EI information?

The RI Department of Health only permits authorized doctors, nurses, and professionals who provide services to your child to access your child's KIDSNET information. You have the right to see your child's information at any time, and to ask that incorrect or incomplete information be changed.

Can I restrict who can see my child's EI information in KIDSNET?

Yes, you have the right to limit who can see your child's information. If you have any questions you may call RI Department of Health at 401-222-5960.

Why is EI information in KIDSNET?

Your child's EI information is sent to KIDSNET to allow your doctor and other healthcare providers and programs the ability to see that your child is receiving EI services and to coordinate care. EI enrollment information in KIDSNET can reduce the need for professionals providing medical care, including pediatricians, to contact families directly to see if their child has enrolled in EI.