



**Regional Early Intervention Collaborative  
Essay Contest  
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New Jersey Early Intervention Week May 12-17, 2014

***New Jersey Early Intervention Week*** was created to recognize that all children have special and unique gifts that deserve the care and attention of their families and communities. The state also recognizes how the New Jersey Early Intervention System (NJEIS) plays an essential role in supporting families to ensure that all infants and toddlers have the opportunity to develop, grow and ultimately lead productive lives in the community. In that spirit, participants are asked to compose an essay outlining: “***What I’ve Learned About My Child and Family during our time in Early Intervention***” Essays should capture the following points:

- Describe what has been the most rewarding experience for your child and family as a part of the New Jersey Early Intervention System.
- What strategies have you learned that have helped your child’s development and you as a parent.
- How has your Service Coordinator and/or EI Practitioner(s) supported your family.

**Family Link, Inc. REIC Guidelines**

Essays may contain no more than 500 words. **One entry per family.** Essays must include the experiences of a child and family that have received NJEIS services within the past 12 months (**April 2013 to present**). Submit your entry with the registration form (available via email or on our website) detailing the author’s name, address, telephone number, New Jersey Early Intervention Service Coordinator, New Jersey Early Intervention Provider Agency or agencies and month and year of when services began. **Please send your submissions to:**

**Family Link, Inc., REIC  
2333 Morris Avenue, Suite A-204  
Union, NJ 07083  
Attn: Essay Contest  
Or email**

**[carmelab@njeis.org](mailto:carmelab@njeis.org)   [monicaa@njeis.org](mailto:monicaa@njeis.org)**

**Prizes Awarded**

Gift Cards in the following amounts are to be awarded to two winning essays:

- Grand Prize: \$100 Visa Gift Card
- First Prize: \$50 Visa Gift Card



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**FAMILY LINK Essay Contest Eligibility and Entry Rules**

Participants must be a New Jersey resident living in the Family Link region (**Essex, Morris, Union, Sussex and Warren Counties**), and have a child that has been and still receiving New Jersey Early Intervention Services as of **April 1, 2013 to present**.

All entries must be in Family Link's office by 5 pm on Friday, **May 9, 2014**.

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- **Grand Prize: \$100 Visa Gift Card**
- **First Prize: \$50 Visa Gift Card**

Winners will be notified via email, phone and/or mail by **Friday, June 6, 2014**.

Essays will be judged on content and overall relevancy to the topic. Essays should embody the mission of the NJ Early Intervention System and commemorate the triumphs experienced by the family. Decisions of the judging panel will be final.

***All submissions become the property of Family Link to be used at its discretion***



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**New Jersey Early Intervention Week Contest Entry Form 2014**

**Guidelines:** Essays must contain no more than 500 words. Essays must detail the experiences of a child and family that were determined to be eligible for services within the New Jersey Early Intervention System within the past 12 months (**April 1, 2013 to present**). Each essay must be submitted with this entry form detailing the author's name, address, telephone number, month and year of initial New Jersey early intervention eligibility. **Submissions sent via email must have a registration form attached to the email.**

Author's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Eligibility for NJEIS services \_\_\_\_\_

Service Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Practitioner/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information provided is factual. I certify that I am the author of this essay. I agree to abide by the rules of FAMILY LINK, REIC New Jersey Early Intervention Week Essay Contest. I understand that my essay will become the property of the FLREIC to use at its discretion. I understand that the decision of the judges is final.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Family Link, REIC, 2333 Morris Avenue, Suite A-204, Union, NJ  
07083 or**

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