



August 20, 2021

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Community Member,

Effective August 30, 2021, Early Stages **will be providing in-person evaluation appointments at both of our locations:** Walker Jones Education Campus 1125 New Jersey Ave NW and Department of Employment Services, 4058 Minnesota Ave NE. However, **we will continue to hold all eligibility and IEP meetings and Strong Start transition meetings remotely.**

To reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission, we have taken many steps to ensure everyone's health and safety at our centers, including:

- Updating ventilation with Dedicated Outdoor Air System and MERV-13/14 filters
- Installing HEPA filters
- Conducting health screenings upon entry into the building
- Restricting room capacities to support proper social distancing
- Providing enhanced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff
- Providing masks for families who need them
- Conducting additional cleaning throughout the day and between clients

Please note: all evaluations will take place in person. Virtual evaluations are currently only available to children or parents with *documented health conditions* that prevent a safe in-person evaluation.

Early Stages Child Find functions will be a hybrid of virtual and in-person work, which will adjust based on the nature of the pandemic and the circumstances of our partners. We continue to accept referrals, provide screenings, and host workshops and professional development sessions virtually.

We are grateful for our families and community members who have partnered with us to navigate the difficulties of the pandemic and have helped us keep this important work moving forward.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Compagnucci".

Sean Compagnucci
Executive Director, Early Stages

