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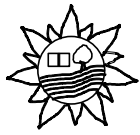
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Early Childhood Intervention is a major thrust in the DfES special educational needs (SEN) strategy, *Removing Barriers to Achievement*. This has been further reflected in the Action Plan objectives of the West Midlands SEN Regional Partnership. Similarly *Every Child Matters* has a focus on Early Childhood Intervention in the proposals for the integration of children's services.

A series of themed seminars were convened within the West Midlands region to promote a common understanding of what is meant by Early Childhood Intervention within international, national and regional contexts. These seminars are to be presented as a digest published by West Midlands SEN Regional Partnership and Sunfield Professional Development Centre. The Digest will share essential information about major trends in development in European and international contexts, and will include papers by speakers which relate to their seminar. The following respected professionals in the field of Early Childhood Intervention, listed here in chapter order, have contributed, and the Foreword has been written by Michael Guralnick, Chair, International Society on Early Intervention:

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