Health and early childhood education professionals can play an important role in directing parents to reliable sources about play for children under one year old.

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**PERCEPTION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ABOUT EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

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**Background:** Family-Centered Care is an approach that has been considered as an important framework for early intervention in health services. However, there are challenges related to the implementation of family-centered care among different countries, including Brazil.

**Objectives:** To verify the perception of health professionals in relation to the service offered in EI.

**Methods:** The study design is cross-sectional. Health professionals who work in EI programs in Brazil (for at least 3 months) took part in the study. The online questionnaire was developed using Qualtrics software. This questionnaire consisted of multiple-choice questions about socioeconomic and demographic information, professional training, and professionals' perception of family involvement in EI services. Descriptive analysis was performed.

**Results:** Twenty-two health professionals (female: n=20; 90.9%) participated in the study, the majority being physical therapists (n=14; 63.6%), and the others speech therapists (n=2; 9.1%), occupational therapists (n=2; 9.1%), psychologists (n=2, 9.1%), and nurse (n=1; 4.5%). Most of them work in a multidisciplinary team (n=19; 86.4%); 12 participants (54.5%) answered that they have less than 10 years of experience and nine (40.9%) that they have more than 10 years of experience in EI. Most answered that they talk about the socioeconomic and demographic information, professional training, and professionals' perception of family involvement in EI services. Descriptive analysis was performed.

**Conclusion:** From the perspective of professionals, most of them have considered the needs of families in the EI. However, they reported that not all families seem to be involved in this process.

**Implications:** Health professionals seem to consider the family-centered care approach during their EI care. However, they should explore new strategies to involve families more effectively.

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