DEFINITION

This service allows for:

1. providing training to families and others who work or play with a qualified child. Training would include general orientation about the disabling condition of the child as well as training specific to the needs of the child and his or her family and how best to meet those needs;

2. serving as consultant to families in terms of developmental stages and teaching activities that families can do with their child that would help in the developmental process;

3. collaborating with the case managers and families to develop strategies for environmental modifications or adaptations that would be beneficial to the child;

4. periodically assessing the child, including conducting developmental assessments, in order to discover unmet needs, determine progress or lack of progress and identifying areas of strength that can be emphasized;

5. providing emotional support to families, including active listening, problem solving and suggesting resources such as peers and others within the disability community who could offer support;

6. advocating for the family’s needs with the case management team (CMT) and others who may offer supports and services

7. assisting the family and case management team with the transition and referral to special education, including Part B.
**SERVICE REQUIREMENT**

This service would be provided by an employee of a Child and Family services provider under contract with the state Developmental Services Division.

**SERVICE LIMITS**

This service is provided to families of children with disabilities ages 0-21 who are not eligible for the Developmental Disabilities waiver.