

281—120.13(34CFR303) Services in natural environment. To the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the eligible child, early intervention services are to be provided in a natural environment. “Natural environment” means settings that are natural or normal for an eligible child’s age peers who have no disabilities. Natural settings also include home and community settings in which children without disabilities participate. [34 CFR 303.12(b); 303.18; 303.344(d)(1)(ii)]

120.13(1) *Setting other than natural environment.* The provision of early intervention services for each eligible child may occur in a setting other than a natural environment only if the IFSP team, based on the evaluation and assessment conducted and the provisions of the IFSP, determines that early intervention cannot be achieved satisfactorily for the child in a natural environment. [34 CFR 303.344(d)(1)(ii)]

120.13(2) *Exceptions.* The provisions on natural environments do not apply to services listed in an IFSP that are intended to meet the needs of a parent or other family member and not the needs of the child, such as participation of a parent in a parent support program. [34 CFR 303.341(d)]