



Early is best!

All children need support as they grow and learn, but some children need extra help. It's important to start early. For some families, ECI services may begin soon after their baby is born.

Early intervention provides immediate and long-term benefits for children and families. If you are concerned about a child, don't wait. Call and find out more about ECI services.

Both families and professionals can make a referral.

Call: **1-800-628-5115** or visit the DARS ECI website at: www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis

Your Local ECI Program Information:



Serving Babies and Toddlers



The state agency responsible for coordinating the statewide, interagency service delivery system for ECI is the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). DARS contracts with local agencies to provide services in every Texas county.

To find the number of the ECI program in your area, call the DARS Inquiries Line: 1-800-628-5115

If you are a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, use the relay option of your choice.

To search online, visit the DARS website at www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis



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ECI Services are Unique

Children learn new skills through everyday activities. Team members from a variety of backgrounds work together to find learning opportunities within the family's normal routines such as bath time, meal time, or play time.

Parents and professionals work together as a team.

Families know their child best. The team develops a plan for services and assesses the child's progress.

Services are coordinated with others in the community.

ECI works with doctors, child care providers, WIC, social services and schools to help improve the lives of children and families.

Families of all income levels receive ECI services.

There is no income limit. No family is turned away because of an inability to pay.

Services are convenient for families.

Services are provided to children and families in familiar and comfortable surroundings where children live, learn and play. This may include the family's home or child care center.



ECI – Helping babies and families from the beginning.

ECI Understands Babies

- ECI partners with families to help children grow, learn and stay healthy.
- ECI has helped Texas babies and toddlers, birth to 36 months, with developmental delays and disabilities for more than 30 years.

- ECI services benefit thousands of families and their children each year.



ECI Professional Providers

Professional providers in ECI have expertise in working with babies, toddlers, and their families. They are chosen based on the individual needs of the child and family.

Licensed and/or credentialed specialists may include:

- early intervention specialists
- speech and language pathologists
- physical and occupational therapists
- psychologists
- registered nurses
- dietitians
- social workers
- counselors



ECI Videos and Resource Guide

To learn more about ECI, view the ECI videos at: www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/videos/index.shtml

"About Texas ECI" (8 min.) provides a brief overview of ECI services.

"Texas ECI: Family to Family" (10 min.) offers a family perspective for families who have been or may be referred to ECI.

"Parent to Parent: Knowing Your Rights" (11 min.) reviews the rights of families who are enrolled in ECI.

Videos are closed captioned in both English and Spanish.

For additional resources that can assist families of children with developmental delays or disabilities, visit the ECI Resource Guide at: www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/index.shtml