



Your Local ECI Program Information:



ECI Wants You!

Working in the field
of Early Childhood
Intervention



Want to make a difference in the lives of families with young children with developmental delays or disabilities?

ECI staff report that working for ECI provides:

- Rewarding work that helps families and their young children
- Opportunities for support and collaboration with professionals of varied disciplines
- Free professional development opportunities offered by the ECI State Office
- An interesting and exciting work environment
- Flexible schedules

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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What is ECI?

ECI programs serve families with children birth to 36 months with developmental delays or disabilities. ECI provides family support and specialized services to strengthen the family’s ability to access resources and improve their child’s development through daily activities.

What is Special About ECI?

ECI services are provided where the child lives, learns and plays. Though most ECI services are provided at home, they can be provided in other places where the child goes regularly (e.g., a child care center, park, library, etc.).

ECI professionals coach, teach and support families and work together as a team to:

- evaluate and assess each child
- plan developmental goals
- plan appropriate supports and services
- incorporate learning opportunities throughout the child’s day

ECI services are family-centered and incorporate early brain development research in intervention strategies. Research has proven that children learn, grow and develop in the context of relationships with their parents and caregivers.



What are ECI Services?

ECI provides screenings, evaluations and assessments to determine service needs. Specialized services are individualized to the needs of the child and family. Every family enrolled in ECI receives case management to help them identify and coordinate needed resources.

Who Works for ECI?

ECI professionals work together with the family to focus on ways the family can support their child’s development within their everyday routines and activities.

The licensed, credentialed and/or registered professionals include:

- Speech Language Pathologists CFYs and CCCs
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- Social Workers
- Counselors
- Nurses
- Psychological Associates
- Dieticians
- Early Intervention Specialists

Some programs may also hire certified occupational therapist assistants, speech language pathology assistants and physical therapy assistants.

College graduates with at least 18 hours of college coursework that relates to early childhood intervention may be hired as an Early Intervention Specialist (EIS). Once hired by an ECI program, EISs complete a comprehensive training program to earn their EIS Credential. The EIS Credential may only be obtained through employment with a Texas ECI Program.

How do I apply for a job in ECI?

ECI is eager to find well trained and qualified personnel. Each ECI program makes its own hiring decisions and has its own salary schedule and benefits package.

In order to find out about job opportunities, contact your local ECI program. To find the number of the ECI program in your area, visit the Program search page at www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/searchprogram.asp or call 1-800-628-5115.



Where do I find more information about ECI?

ECI Publications

www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/materials.shtml

Publications can be ordered online at the url above or ordered by calling the DARS Inquiries Line at 1-800-628-5115.

ECI’s Resource Guide

www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/resourceguide

This guide contains resources on topics such as child care, developmental information, parent support, training and much more, that will help answer many questions you may have.

ECI Videos

www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/videos

ECI has two short videos to help people learn about ECI and the services they provide.



“Texas ECI: Family to Family” allows you to learn more about ECI from families who talk about their own experiences with ECI.



“About Texas ECI” offers an overview of ECI’s unique model of services.