

# Serving Babies *and* Toddlers



*early childhood intervention*



Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services  
Division for Early Childhood Intervention Services

# 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 delays in development and disabilities, for more than 25 years.

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





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# eci **Services are Unique**

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

# eci Professionals

Professionals in ECI have expertise in working with babies, toddlers, and their families. Licensed and/or credentialed specialties include:

Early Intervention Specialists

Speech and Language Pathologists

Physical Therapists

Occupational Therapists

Registered Dietitians

Professional Counselors

Hearing and Vision Specialists

Social Workers

Nurses

# eci Starts Early

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.

**Call: 1-800-628-5115**

# Early is Best!

ECI programs serve every county in Texas.

To find the number of the ECI program  
in your area, call the

DARS Inquiries Line: **1-800-628-5115**

If you are hearing impaired,  
call the TDD/TTY Line: **1-866-581-9328.**

To search online,  
visit the DARS website at  
**[www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis)**

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



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**Your Local ECI Program:**



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