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**Educate, Engage and Empower
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Educating, Engaging and Empowering
Families through Early Childhood
Intervention (ECI) Services

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Objectives


1. Overview of ECI services
2. Typical developmental milestones and developmental red flags
3. Service delivery via telehealth
4. Additional resources




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**Early Childhood
Intervention**




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Welcome to ECI

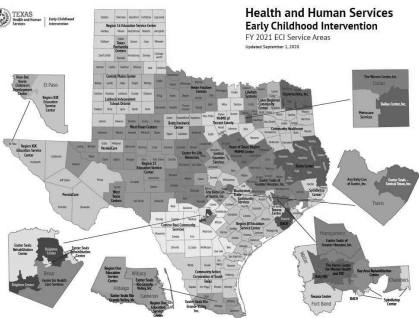
- Statewide program
- Birth up to 36 months
- Developmental delays or disabilities
- Provides services in the child's natural environment
- Coaching approach



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ECI Contractors



Health and Human Services
Early Childhood Intervention
FY 2022 ECI Service Areas
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Eligibility Determination


- Qualifying medical diagnosis
- Deaf and hard of hearing/visual impairment
- Developmental delay



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Who Provides Services?


- Early intervention specialists
- Speech-language pathologists
- Occupational therapists
- Physical therapists
- Social workers
- Nurses
- Licensed professional counselors
- Registered dietitians
- Teachers for the visually impaired
- Teachers for the deaf and hard of hearing



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Array of Services


- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Speech-language therapy
- Specialized skills training
- Case management
- Service coordination
- Counseling
- Services to children who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Services to children who are visually impaired
- Nutrition services
- Nursing



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Coaching Approach


- Joint planning
- Observation
- Action and practice
- Feedback
- Reflection



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The Value of ECI

- Collaboration between caregivers and professionals
- Coordination with other community resources
- Increases rate of growth in developmental areas
- Reduces need for special education
- Improves nutrition and health
- Decreases incidence of child abuse and neglect



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ECI Program Search Page
citysearch.hhsc.state.tx.us

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ABOUT HHS SERVICES DOING BUSINESS WITH HHS LAWS & REGULATIONS CONTACT

Early Childhood Intervention Services

Search By:

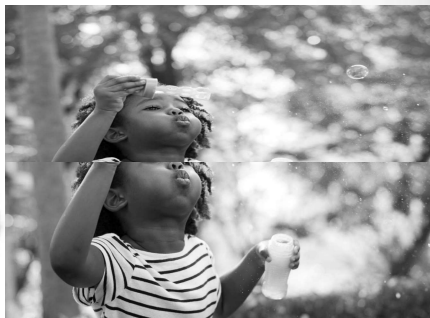

City County Zip

View ECI program list alphabetically by county:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Typical Developmental Milestones

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Typical Developmental Milestones

3-6 Month Old Babies




- Follow moving toys or face
- Startled by loud or new sounds
- Wiggle and kick legs and arms
- Lift their head and shoulders
- Smile back at family and caregivers
- Make gurgling, cooing, or sucking sounds

6-9 Month Old Babies



- Explore toys with hands and mouth
- Roll over
- Squeal and babble different sounds
- Sit up leaning on hands
- Respond to their name
- Enjoy games like 'peek-a-boo'



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Typical Developmental Milestones

9-12 Month Old Babies



- Copy hand movements
- Pick up items w/ thumb and fingers
- Crawl on hands and knees
- Sit without help
- Repeat sounds like "baba," "dada," and "mama"

12-15 Month Old Babies



- Walk by holding onto furniture
- Drink from a cup with help
- Wave bye-bye
- Say "mama" and "dada" and at least one other word
- Point to objects they want
- Can find a toy hidden under object



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Typical Developmental Milestones

15-18 Month Old Babies



- Look at pictures in a book
- Use at least three words
- Hold a crayon in their fist
- Hand toys to you when asked
- Point to objects you name
- Walk without help

18-21 Month Old Toddlers



- Use pointing and words together
- Feed themselves with their fingers
- Can point to one body part when asked
- Use at least ten words
- Pull off shoes and socks



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Typical Developmental Milestones

21-24 Month Old Toddlers



- Point and use words to get your attention
- Like to pretend-play (talk on toy phone)
- Say "No" frequently
- Like to copy what others do

24-30 Month Old Toddlers



- Use and understand at least 50 words
- Feed themselves with a spoon
- Enjoy being around other toddlers
- Run short distances without falling
- Show multiple feelings (joy, anger, etc.)



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Developmental Red Flags: Baby

0-18 months

- Cannot bend arms or legs
- Does not smile, move or look at you when you talk or play with them
- Does not make sounds by three months
- Does not babble by six months
- Uses no words by 12 months




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Developmental Red Flags: Toddler

18-36 Months

- Has tantrums that last 20 minutes or longer
- Frequently and intentionally hurts or bites others
- Does not look at you when you call their name
- Does not play with toys
- Flaps hands, rocks or sways consistently



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Developmental Red Flags: Any Age

- Fusses or cries a lot, even when not tired or hungry
- Has trouble falling asleep or staying asleep
- Does not notice people
- Unhappy most of the time
- Loss of speech, babbling, or social skills



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Telehealth Services




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Service Delivery via Telehealth

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- Telehealth must be delivered using a platform that supports both audio and video communication



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Benefits of Telehealth


- Reach families in remote areas
- Provide services to families in hard-to-travel areas
- Increase frequency of services
- Safe way to provide services to children who are medically fragile
- Families receiving services must be both residents of Texas and present in the state when they receive services.



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Requirements of Telehealth

- A family must consent in writing.
- Consent must indicate they can withdraw it at any time.
- If a family declines telehealth, services must be provided in person.
- Telehealth services must comply with the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- All services must comply with Medicaid, the delivery provider's practice act, and ECI rules regarding service delivery and documentation.




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Additional Resources




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Information Resources




Division for Early Childhood (DEC)
dec-sped.org

Learn the Signs. Act Early
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/

**Texas Health and Human Services
 Early Childhood Intervention**
hhs.texas.gov/eci

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Telehealth Resources




Child Mind Institute
<https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/>

Zero to Three
<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/series/play-with-me>

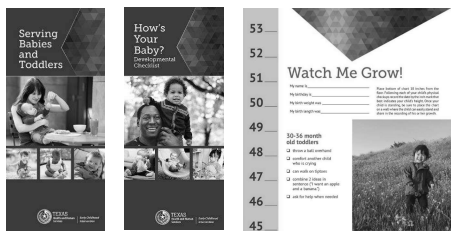
ECTA
<https://ectacenter.org/about.asp>

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ECI Materials and Publications



hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/early-childhood-intervention-services/eci-outreach-materials



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Review



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Thank you

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