What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know About ECI

As a healthcare professional, families look to you for guidance regarding their child's growth and development.

ECI wants to work with you to help families get the services they need for their infants and toddlers. For over 30 years, ECI has provided specialized services to Texas families and their young children with developmental delays or disabilities.

**Did You Know?**
- ECI serves children from birth to 36 months
- Evaluations to determine ECI eligibility are at no cost to the family
- Translation and interpreter services are available
- ECI provides services to families at all income levels
- Families receiving services from other providers/agencies may still be eligible for ECI services

**What is the value of ECI’s approach to services?**
- Provides services individualized to the needs of each child and family
- Involves families in therapeutic intervention strategies based on their child's daily routines
- Provides services in the home and community settings
- Includes measurable outcomes related to children's developmental gains
- Provides case management for all families
- Assists families in transitioning to other services after the child turns three

Who is eligible for ECI services?
ECI determines eligibility for infants and toddlers living in Texas based on:

**Developmental delay**
Children with a 25% developmental delay that affects functioning in one or more areas of development, including cognitive, communication, motor, social-emotional and adaptive/self-help. If the only area of delay is expressive language development, delay to qualify is 35%.

**Medically diagnosed condition**
Children with a medically diagnosed condition with a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay.

**Auditory or visual impairment**
Children who have an auditory or visual impairment as defined by the Texas Education Agency. (Contact your local ECI program for more information.)

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**What are some examples of ECI services?**
Licensed or credentialed professionals provide:
- Audiology and vision services
- Physical therapy
- Assistive technology
- Occupational therapy
- Case management
- Counseling
- Family education and training
- Specialized skills training
- Speech-language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy

**How are ECI services funded?**
ECI receives federal, state and local funds, as well as collecting Medicaid, CHIP, private insurance and payments from the family. Even though ECI does collect payments from families, no family will be denied services due to an inability to pay.

See the inside of this brochure for how to make a referral to ECI.