

At Kids Are Cool, our lesson plans are written with age appropriate, [developmental milestones](#) as a guide. By doing this, we often catch small delays. If we suspect a delay, we use [progress reports](#) to help discover any developmental issues, then schedule a meeting with parents to discuss our findings.

What is ECI?

ECI is a statewide program for families with children, birth to three, with disabilities and developmental delays. ECI supports families to help their children reach their potential through developmental services. [Services](#) are provided by a variety of local agencies and organizations across Texas.

State and federally funded through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, P.L. 108-446), ECI provides evaluations and assessments, at no cost to families, to determine eligibility and need for services. Families and professionals work as a team to plan appropriate services based on the unique needs of the child and family. ECI asks families who can afford to do so, to share in the cost of services. The amount a family pays for ECI services is determined using a sliding fee scale and is based on family size and income after allowable deductions. No child and family will be turned away because of an inability to pay.

ECI goes to families and focuses on working with the child and family in their natural environment, such as at home, grandma's, or a child care center. Essentially, it's where children live, learn and play.

Research shows that growth and development are most rapid in the early years of life. The earlier problems are identified, the greater the chance of eliminating them. Early intervention responds to the critical needs of children and families by:

- promoting development and learning,
- providing support to families,
- coordinating services, and
- decreasing the need for costly special programs.

ECI is here to help and can become an important resource for all families. For more information about ECI or to refer a child,

Call (806) 766-1172

Or stop by 1628 19th St.

Or visit their website: <http://www.elpasoeci.org/services.sstg>

About ECI Services

ECI provides evaluations, at no cost to families, to determine eligibility and the need for services. Families and professionals work together as a team to plan appropriate services based on the unique strengths and needs of the child and family. Services are provided in the home and in community settings such as child care facilities, play groups and Mothers' Day Out programs

Services can include:

- Assistive Technology: Services & Devices
- Audiology
- Developmental Services
- Early Identification, Screening & Assessment
- Family Counseling
- Family Education
- Medical Services (diagnostic or evaluation services used to determine eligibility)
- Nursing Services
- Nutrition Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Service Coordination
- Social Work Services
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Vision Services