

Information & Resources FCI Website



As families and professionals increasingly use the Internet to access knowledge and assistance, Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) continues to make resources and information available online through its website: http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/. There are a variety of materials available, such as videos, publications, resources and much more. Here are a few highlighted areas:

The ECI Resource Guide

The ECI Resource Guide contains contact information about resources of interest to families of children with developmental delays or disabilities, professionals who work with families and anyone interested in the well-being of young children and their families.

The Resource Guide can be located on the web site at:

http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/resourceguide/index.shtml. Here are a few highlights from the many resources available:

ASQ Developmental Milestones Screening:

http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageNavigator/ntlc10 mffc homepageasq.html Parents complete a screening questionnaire to check their child's general development. The results help determine if a child's development is on schedule.

Texas Health Steps Resource Catalog:

https://secure.thstepsproducts.com/default.asp

Resource materials that provide information for families about their child's specific disability, medical and dental checkups, newborn hearing screening, accessing transportation for medical appointments and case management services. Online ordering is available.

• Hands and Voices (Texas Chapter):

http://www.txhandsandvoices.org/txhv/

A nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families and their children who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as the professionals who serve them.

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• Disability Specific Information:

http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/resourceguide/disability.shtml

Resources listed on this page address a specific disability or diagnoses. There is an alphabetic list provided. Each letter of the alphabet represents the first letter of the disability, for example A for Autism or D for Down syndrome, and links to the section of the resources that contains that disability.

• Infant and Toddler Early Learning Guidelines:

http://www.earlylearningtexas.org/itelg

The Infant and Toddler Early Learning Guidelines (ITELG) were developed for Texas through a Texas Early Learning Initiative. The purpose of the ITELG is to help families of young children, caregivers and early educators understand what babies and young children should know and be able to do at different points in their development. Developmental milestones are organized in four domains; physical health and motor development, social and emotional development, language and communication, and cognitive development. The ITELGs are physician approved and endorsed by the Texas Pediatric Society. You can download a copy in English, Spanish or Vietnamese.

Also, for additional resources, dial 2-1-1. Texas 2-1-1 Area Information Centers are local organizations that maintain a list of resources available in your community. They serve as a link between people who need assistance and the organizations that provide services.

ECI Library Collection

The Early Childhood Intervention Library offers a wealth of information for families of children with disabilities or developmental delays. The collection contains books, videos and DVDs on topics such as child development, intervention strategies, autism, behavioral issues, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, infant mental health, parenting, and much more. The collection is housed at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in Austin. Materials are shipped free of charge to anyone in Texas for up to two weeks. Borrowers are responsible for return shipping costs.

The DSHS Librarians are very knowledgeable and helpful. Upon request, they will research any topic of interest and provide assistance with navigating the library. They serve as a great resource for parents, professionals, or stakeholders. For more information about the ECI Library collection, visit http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/library.shtml or contact the library at toll-free (888) 963-7111 x7260, (512) 458-7260, or email avlibrary@dshs.state.tx.us.

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Here are additional available resources through the Library:

Films on Demand:

DSHS AV Library provides videos on early childhood development that can be viewed online. Visit www.dshs.state.tx.us/avlib/films-on-demand.aspx

• Library Matters:

ECI and DSHS Audio Visual Library Services collaborate to produce *Library Matters*. This monthly publication provides readers with a list of articles, books, videos, DVDs and journals for particular subjects, for example, seizure disorder, Down syndrome, autism, nutrition, siblings, child development and behavioral issues. Visit:

http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/librarymatters/index.shtml for editions of *Library Matters*.

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