

ECI Website



As families and professionals increasingly use the Internet to access knowledge and assistance, 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:

ECI Videos

DARS/ECI created these videos to help educate and inform families and professionals about ECI.

The videos are available on YouTube and can be accessed via laptops, smart phones, and other devices. Accessibility features include closed captioning and online transcripts in English and Spanish. To view the new videos, visit http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/videos/index.shtml. Here is a summary of each video.



"About Texas ECI" (10 minutes)

The "About Texas ECI" video provides a brief overview of our services and explains how ECI partners with families to support their child's development. In this video you will learn how ECI professionals work with parents to meet a child's needs. You will also learn about the enrollment process, how and where services are provided, how services are paid for, and other ways that ECI provides value to children and families.



"Texas ECI: Family to Family" (8 minutes)

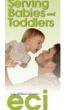
The "Texas ECI: Family to Family" video offers a parent's perspective for families who have been or may be referred and who would like to learn more about ECI services. Families talk about their experiences with the program and how their child and family benefited from ECI. You will hear how important the parent or caregiver is to their child's success and how ECI staff work together with the parent or caregiver to help their child.

Texas Parent to Parent

"Parent to Parent: Knowing Your Rights" (11 minutes)

The "Parent to Parent: Knowing Your Rights" video complements the ECI Parent Handbook, encouraging families in ECI to understand and exercise their rights. It also encourages parents to feel free to ask questions if they don't understand something being said by an ECI

professional or something in the handbook. It provides an overview of some, not all, of a family's rights, such as consent, prior written notice and confidentiality.



ECI Brochures

ECI currently offers brochures for parents, caregivers, professionals, and community supporters. Many of the brochures are available in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as English. To see a list of the brochures, visit: http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/publications/index.shtml

Here are a few that are available to order:



Serving Babies and Toddlers

This brochure provides general information about ECI's unique services and support as well as contact information for making a referral.

How's Your Baby?

This brochure provides a developmental checklist of skills, like walking and talking, that children usually master by certain ages and a list of "red flags" to watch for as a baby grows.

The ECI Growth Chart

The growth chart informs parents about the developmental stages to watch for during the child's early years as they record child's growth.

These brochures can be ordered through our on-line ordering system at no cost. The system is user-friendly and allows for orders to be placed quickly and efficiently. If you're interested in placing an order, visit http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/materials.shtml. If you have any questions about the online ordering process, contact Susan Drapela at susan.drapela@dars.state.tx.us



Stay tuned for more information on the ECI Resource Guide and the ECI Library collection in our Summer Newsletter!

Texas Parent to Parent