

What is EI/ECSE?

The early intervention and early childhood special education (EI/ECSE) program provides specialized services to children with disabilities, their families, and other caregivers (such as child care and preschool teachers and other family members) to support the child's development. In Oregon, EI/ECSE services are provided through local programs that are administered by regional contractors. Services are individualized and based upon the unique needs of the child and his or her family.



When should I refer a child for a screening and evaluation?

Refer any infant, toddler, or preschooler suspected of having a developmental delay including problems related to how they:

- See
- Hear
- Talk

- Walk
- Respond to others
- Play
- Learn

Who can refer children?

- Families
- Child care providers
- Preschools
- Friends
- Physicians
- Any community agency

Where can I refer a child for a screening and evaluation?

Each county in Oregon has a designated referral and evaluation agency. All referrals for screening and evaluation pass through this agency. The phone number to call to make a referral in your area is on the back of this brochure. An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed if the child is eligible for EI/ECSE services.

What is an IFSP?

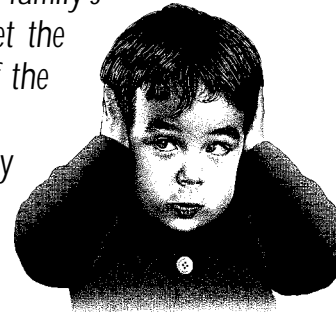
An IFSP is a plan of services individualized to each family. A team of professionals and the child's parents develop the IFSP. All eligible children with developmental delays or disabilities, from

birth to kindergarten age, have an IFSP. The IFSP is a written plan that describes:

- The child's abilities and needs
- Services for the child and family
- Family outcomes related to the child's needs
- Goals and objectives reflecting both the child's developmental and special education needs

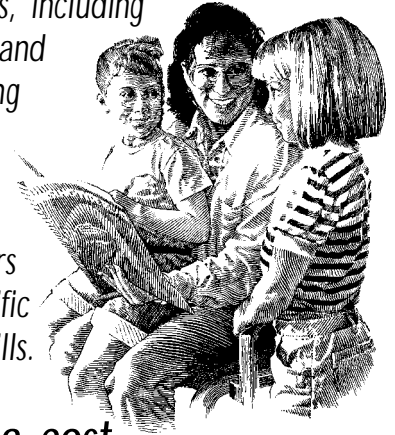
What services does Oregon provide to children and families?

The focus of Oregon's EI/ECSE services is on building the family's capacity to meet the special needs of the child. This is accomplished by incorporating strategies for promoting the child's development into family and community daily activities. Family members, preschool teachers, and caregivers are given strategies for teaching the child in situations where and when learning occurs every day. Services may include:



- Providing the family with specific information about the child's delay;

- Incorporating the child's special needs into family routines;
- Connecting the family to community resources, including classes; and
- Coaching parents, family and caregivers on specific child skills.



Is there a cost to families?

There is no cost for EI/ECSE services to families.

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