

# Got questions regarding special education in Texas?

If you are concerned that your child may have a disability, contact your local school district or charter school for more information about the Child Find process.



A free referral and information service.



**YOUR SOURCE**  
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION

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# Early Childhood Intervention

## Birth - 3 Years

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) is a statewide program for families with children, birth to three years of age, with developmental delays, disabilities or certain medical diagnoses that may impact development. ECI services support families as they learn how to help their children grow and learn.

For more information about ECI visit the Texas Department of Health & Human Services, HHS at:  
[www.hhs.texas.gov/eci](http://www.hhs.texas.gov/eci)

## ECI Programs



### Easter Seals RGV ECI Program

1217 Houston Street, McAllen, Tx 78505  
Referral Number: (956) 631-9171  
Website: <http://www.easterseals-rgv.org/>



### Region One ECI Program

1900 W. Schunior, Edinburg, TX 78541  
Referral Number: (855) 651-1960  
Website: <http://www.esc1.net/eci/>

# Special Education Services

## 3 - 21 Years

The purpose of Child Find is to locate, identify and evaluate children with disabilities and their possible need for special education and related services. Child Find is a free referral and information service available through local school districts and Region One Education Service Center.

Identification is an important first step towards getting children the help they need to be successful in school. For more information contact the special education program at your local school district, charter school, or Region One ESC.



## Region One EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER *"Students First"*

Region One Education Service Center provides technical assistance to families and schools related to Child Find.

**For questions and more information contact a specialist at  
956-984-6215**

# Eligibility for Special Education

Parents or the school may refer a child for a special education evaluation. With parent input and consent, the school evaluates the child to determine if they have a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

After the initial evaluation has been completed, the ARD committee will meet formally to decide whether your child is eligible for special education services. To be eligible, the student must (1) have a qualifying disability, and (2) as a result of this disability, require special education services to make progress in the general education curriculum.

## Disability Conditions

- Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH)
- Orthopedic Impairment (OI)
- Autism (AU)
- Specific Learning Disability (SLD)
- Deaf/Blindness (DB)
- Speech Impairment (SI)
- Emotional Disturbance (ED)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Intellectual Disability (ID)
- Visual Impairment (VI)
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)
- Other Health Impairment (OHI)
- Noncategorical Early Childhood (NCEC)
  - For students ages 3-5