

# What Are Comprehensive Services in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)?

Comprehensive services in ECEAP are designed to embrace the whole child and the whole family and support and respond to their individual needs and circumstances. ECEAP provides these services under one umbrella: Birth-PreK education, family support, family engagement, health, mental health, and nutrition. Services supporting the whole family have proven to impact the child's development and the family's ability to help the child grow and develop. These services support improved economic, educational, and health outcomes.



## Birth-PreK Education

- Research-based and culturally relevant curriculum.
- Individualized planning and instruction
- Developmental screening.
- Ongoing assessment that tracks a child's progress across learning objectives and dimensions.
- Inclusive practices and environments that support access for children.
- Families partner with teachers to develop learning goals based on the child's strengths, skills and needs.



## Family Support

- Family support visits, using the Mobility Mentoring® approach to create goals driven by the families.
- Tailored and individualized supports for every family.
- Resources and referrals that respond to family needs.
- Provide a safe space where parents can be themselves to share and build relationships.



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## Family Engagement

- Strengthening the connections between school and home that enhance and support children's learning.
- Leadership experiences that support parenting, career, or life goals.
- Family engagement opportunities may include:
  - Family events
  - Parenting education
  - Classroom volunteering



## Health & Mental Health

- Connections to medical and dental homes and insurance.
- Preventive health screenings, including vision and hearing.
- Connection to community resources and referrals for child immunizations, overall health and mental health needs.



## Nutrition

- Healthy and nutritious meals at no cost.
- Learning about healthy snacks and foods in the classroom.
- Connecting families to local community and statewide resources for food such as:
  - SNAP
  - WIC
  - Food Banks

