

## MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP

**C.E.S. MANAGES THE CENTER** under the direction of the consortium representative council, which is responsible for programmatic decisions and budget development. Consortium membership entitles a district to “buy” a designated number of seats that will remain open as their placements throughout the school year.

**CONSORTIUM MEMBERS HAVE** developed a uniform referral process that is employed by all members. The center also provides access to a consulting psychiatrist as part of the program.

## CENTER PERSONNEL

### THE CENTER IS STAFFED BY:

- 8 special education/regular education teachers
- 16 paraprofessionals
- 1 social worker
- 2 school psychologists
- 1 speech pathologist
- 0.2 occupational therapist
- 0.4 cafeteria worker

**STAFF IS INTERVIEWED** by representatives of C.E.S. with input from interested consortium members, and are C.E.S. employees. Supervision of center staff is the responsibility of the C.E.S. Director of Special Education.

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# Eastern Fairfield County Diagnostic Center



### Special Education

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## OVERVIEW

### COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

has engaged representatives from its region to develop a consortium-based educational program for students experiencing significant learning and/or behavioral challenges in their own school or during the transition from one educational setting to another.

**MANDATED BY LEGISLATION** and its own guiding mission, C.E.S. created the Eastern Fairfield County Diagnostic Center with a goal of providing a short-term placement that allows students a positive break, an opportunity to have their learning needs better understood, and a team capable of planning for the student's return to their home school.

## ASSESSMENT

**ASSESSMENTS INVOLVE** family members and LEA officials, including during the important transition back to a home school. Students are evaluated by EFCDC staff according to PPT recommendations and their academic progress and behavior is monitored weekly. The LEA receives weekly progress reports for each student.

**THE ASSESSMENT PERIOD** ranges between 2 to 16 weeks with extensions allowed based on specific case information and contingent on consortium council approval. Students attend the center five days per week, with one half-day dedicated to staff for clinical rounds and case conferencing.

**STUDENTS ATTEND** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. everyday except Wednesday, when their day concludes at 12:30 p.m. The staff schedule is 8:15 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. everyday.

## STUDENT POPULATION

**THE TARGET POPULATION** for the Diagnostic Center is children in kindergarten through third grade who have or are suspected of having a disability. This grade range was targeted for two reasons:

■ **NATIONAL DATA REFLECTS** an increased prevalence of developmental disorders and nature and severity of mental health problems for this age group. Implementing targeted interventions through a multi-tiered system of support early in a child's life provides for greater, more positive long-term outcomes.

■ **STATE LONGITUDINAL DATA** reflects an increased number of children identified as having a disability that requires special education and of those, an increased number who are placed in separate school settings. State data also shows a greater achievement gap between students educated in their home school versus those placed in separate settings and identifies a need to consider the role of placement when designing interventions at the individual level.

