

3-5 Community Inclusion Program

What is Early Childhood Special Education Community Inclusion?

- ☆ Preschool-aged children are eligible for our services based on an evaluation that shows a delay in development
- ☆ We provide a range of services based on a child's development and learning needs
- ☆ We help children be successful in their home and community
- ☆ Services are provided at preschool and childcare including Head Start, Early Childhood Family Education, private preschools, or your home
- ☆ All children have the right to belong and participate in typical activities in their communities



Early Childhood Special Education Services

- ☆ Our services:
 - ☆ Are **free**
 - ☆ Have no waitlist for eligible children
 - ☆ Have no income requirements
 - ☆ Require parent consent
 - ☆ Do not ask about immigration status
- ☆ We value your home culture and language. Interpreters are used to communicate with families

What to Expect

- ☆ Children learn best during everyday routines and activities
- ☆ ECSE staff guide families through transitions to preschool programs and kindergarten
- ☆ An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is written with your family to determine learning goals and the plans for services
- ☆ Regular progress monitoring about supports needed to reach IEP goals
- ☆ Services are available from a child's 3rd birthday until entrance to kindergarten
- ☆ Services are provided during the school year



Primary Service Provider Model

- ☆ One person from our team will be your child's Primary Service Provider (PSP)
- ☆ The PSP is chosen based on highest priorities for your child
- ☆ Your child's team may include an ECSE Teacher, a Speech and Language Pathologist, an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, a Social Worker, a Nurse, an Audiologist, a teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, and a teacher of Blind/Visual Impairments
- ☆ Our team helps caregivers and teachers help children learn new skills within daily routines and activities
- ☆ We observe, coach, and problem solve to maximize learning opportunities



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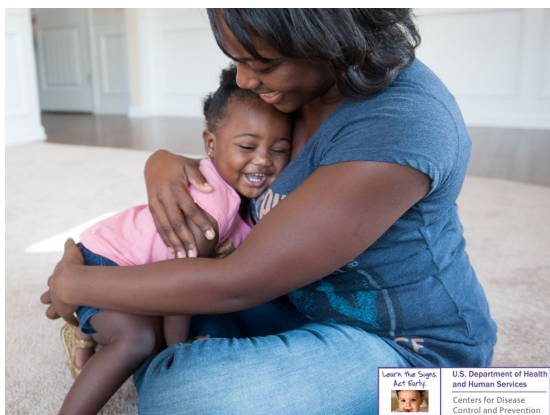
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families**

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Paul Public Schools or your
local school district.