



New ECI Videos, Materials and Resource Guide



In recent months, DARS Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) has launched new ways for families, professionals, community supporters and stakeholders to access the following ECI resources: ECI videos, the ECI Materials Online Ordering System, and the ECI Resource Guide. We would also like to highlight an existing online resource, Library Matters.

ECI Videos

In July 2011, we debuted two videos, "**About Texas ECI**" and "**Texas ECI: Family to Family.**" These videos help educate and inform families and professionals about ECI's unique service delivery system.

The videos:

- Explain who we are and what we do;
- Help demonstrate to families, daycare and healthcare providers, and community resources the importance of family participation and how ECI and families work as a team; and
- Provide an overview of ECI services and processes.

The videos are available on YouTube and can be accessed via laptops, smart phones, and other devices. Accessibility features include closed captioning and online transcripts in English and Spanish. To view the new videos, select the "ECI Videos" tab on the right-side navigation bar of the ECI Web page <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis>. Below is a summary of each video.

"About Texas ECI" (10 minutes)

The "About Texas ECI" video provides a brief overview of our services and explains how ECI partners with families to support their child's development. In this video you will learn how ECI professionals work with parents to meet a child's needs. You also will learn about the enrollment process, how and where services are provided, how services are paid for, and other ways that ECI provides value to children and families.

"Texas ECI: Family to Family" (8 minutes)

The "Texas ECI: Family to Family" video offers a parent's perspective for families who have been or may be referred and who would like to learn more about ECI services. Families talk about their experiences with the program and how their child and family benefited from ECI. You will hear how important the parent or caregiver is to their child's success and how ECI staff work together with the parent or caregiver to help their child.

Texas Parent to Parent

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website: www.txp2p.org ★ Email: info@txp2p.org

ECI Materials Online Ordering

ECI has implemented an online ordering system for anyone interested in obtaining our informational and educational materials. The system is user-friendly and allows for orders to be placed quickly and efficiently. ECI currently offers publications and materials for parents, caregivers, professionals, and community supporters. Many of the publications are available in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as English. Visit

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/publications/index.shtml> to preview ECI publications and materials. If you're interested in placing an order, visit

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/materials.shtml>. If you have any questions regarding either of these sites contact Pam McCroskery at pam.mccroskery@dars.state.tx.us.

The ECI Resource Guide

The ECI Resource Guide contains contact information about resources of interest to families of children with developmental delays or disabilities, professionals who work with families and anyone interested in the well-being of young children and their families. The Resource Guide can be located on the web site at

<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/resourceguide/index.shtml>.

Resources are categorized by topic of interest. They are as follows:

- Advocacy and Legal Assistance
- Auditory
- Child Abuse
- Child Care
- Crisis Hotline for Parents
- Developmental Information
- Disability Specific Information
- Education Services
- Financial and Medical Assistance
- General Health
- Parent Education
- Parent Support
- Social and Emotional Development
- Women's Health Information

ECI has no control over the content of the web sites linked to in the ECI Resource Guide. If you discover an error on one of these third party sites, please contact the webmaster of that particular site. ECI will continue to update and expand these resources.

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For additional resources, dial 2-1-1. Texas 2-1-1 Area Information Centers are local organizations that maintain a list of resources available in your community. They serve as a link between people who need assistance and the organizations that provide services.

Library Matters

ECI and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Audio Visual Library Services collaborate to produce *Library Matters*. This publication provides readers with a list of articles, books, videos and journals for particular subjects, for example, seizure disorder, Down syndrome, autism, and infant mental health and behavioral issues. Visit <http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/librarymatters/index.shtml> for a list of resources.

Also, the ECI Library collection contains a wealth of information on all aspects of early childhood intervention. This collection is housed at the DSHS Audio Visual Library, located at 1111 North Loop Blvd., Austin, Texas 78756. Materials can be checked out and are available to any Texas resident. For information on borrowing materials from the DSHS Audio Visual Library, visit <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/avlib/default.shtm>.

The ECI Library collection includes books, videos and journals related to:

- Early childhood intervention
- Disabilities and developmental delays
- Families and siblings
- Assessment and evaluation (including tools and kits)
- Advocacy
- Child development
- Laws and legislation affecting children with disabilities and developmental delays.

Contact Information for the ECI Library collection at the DSHS Audio Visual Library:

Toll Free: (888) 963-7111 x7260

Phone: (512) 458-7260

Fax: (512) 458-7474

Email: avlibrary@dshs.state.tx.us

As families and professionals increasingly use the Internet to access knowledge and assistance, ECI will continue to make resources and information available online. The ECI videos, the ECI Materials Online Ordering System, and the ECI Resource Guide are the first of many on-line resources coming your way.

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