



the **early childhood direction center**

Parents have many questions about their children...

- My child was ineligible for services. What can I do now?
- What should I do if my child needs additional services?
- How can I deal with my child's challenging behaviors?
- How will my child transition to preschool?
- What's my role at the CPSE meeting?
- How can I help other people understand my child?
- What other services are available for my family?
- How can I communicate well with teachers?
- What if the services my child receives aren't working out?
- What if my child still needs services for kindergarten?

The ECDC can help you...

- get information
- find services
- work with service systems

Free Booklets Available from the ECDC

A Guide to Preschool Special Education*

How preschool special education works, what your rights are, and what you can expect at each step of the process

A Guide to Special Education*

What special education at the school-age level is like, what your rights are, and what to expect from your district

Behavioral Observation Checklist*

Observational guidance for caregivers when there is a concern about a child's behavior.

Moving On...From Preschool to Kindergarten*

The transition of a child with special needs from preschool to kindergarten with a focus on how to build partnerships with your school district; tips on how to prepare for meetings and for your child's kindergarten program

Paving the Way to Kindergarten*

Timelines and guidelines for preschool staff working with young children with special needs and their families

How I Grow Birth to Five: A Guidebook for Parents*

Tips on what to expect at each age and what parents can do to encourage their child's development, organized in a calendar format

Developmental Checklists Birth to Five*

Developmental milestones categorized by age, including developmental "red flags." Also available in Spanish.

(*available in PDF format on ECDC website: <http://ecdc.syr.edu>)

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The ECDC can provide information on a variety of topics tailored to your needs and interests. Resources are available on such topics as general child development, developmental issues for children with special needs, coping strategies, and specific disabilities.

ECDC services to families are free and confidential.

The ECDC serves all of Central New York, including Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego counties.

We know where to look for answers.