

Early Childhood Services...

What is it?

Early Childhood Services is a program of Southern Oregon Education Service District. Our staff of specialists in early childhood development and special education work with families to provide individually designed, family focused services to infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers with special needs. Our classroom environments and curriculum are designed to meet the unique developmental needs of both typically developing children and those with special needs. We believe all children benefit from playing, learning and having fun together.

We work closely with other agencies that serve children with special needs. These agencies include the Child Development & Rehabilitation Center, Family Friends Day Treatment Center, Children's Resource Team and Head Start. In conjunction with Regional Services for Low Incidence Disabilities, we provide services to children with autism, vision, hearing or orthopedic impairments and significant health conditions.



Program Services

- Screening & Evaluation
- Family Consultation
- Parent Groups
- Toddler Play Groups
- Preschool Programs
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Workshops & Classes
- Family Support Activities
- Reed Memorial Library

Philosophy

We believe that young children benefit from high quality, individualized programs. Our services emphasize:

- Recognizing and valuing parents and the everyday routines of family life as the child's most important teacher.
- Learning through play and exploration.
- Teaching skills important for both daily life and school transition.
- Providing opportunities for all children to play and learn together.
- Building relationships between families, among children and among professionals.
- Supporting and involving families.



Where To Call

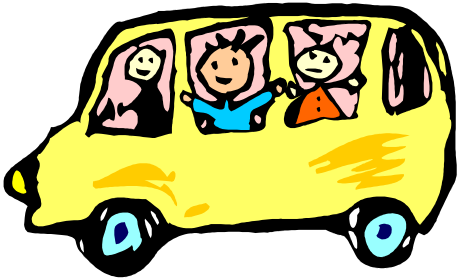
To refer a child with special needs or for information on enrolling a typically developing child, call Early Childhood Services at 956-2059.

Funding

Early Childhood Services is funded by the Oregon Department of Education, Southern Oregon Education Service District, Medicaid, private foundations, individual and community group donations.

Fees

There is no charge to the families of eligible children with developmental delays. Parents wishing to enroll their typically developing child pay tuition comparable to other community preschools.



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