

Our vision is that all Texas children birth through 5 and their families have opportunities to be included in high quality inclusive early care and education.

Our Team Includes:

- Texas Education Agency
- Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Child Care Licensing
- Texas Head Start State Collaboration Office
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Office of Early Childhood Coordination
- Collaborative for Children
- Texas State Based Training and Technical Assistance Office
- Texas Workforce Commission



Parents! For information in your community call:



2-1-1 Texas, a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, is committed to helping Texas citizens connect with the services they need. Whether by phone or internet, the goal is to present accurate, well-organized and easy-to-find information from over 60,000 state and local health and human services programs.



**Want more information
or to be involved?
Contact the Texas
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TEXAS Expanding Opportunities

Working together to expand opportunities for young children with special needs and their families



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The Texas Expanding Opportunities Team is working together on several systemic changes designed to ensure that there are multiple benefits...

...for Children

- * Children are safe and supported in their early care and education environments.
- * Children develop a healthy attitude toward themselves and their peers and everyone's uniqueness.
- * Children are more open to learning from all of their peers.



...for Families

- * Families have access to consistent information and resources from all agencies in order to make informed choices.
- * Families have access to and receive services in high quality inclusive settings and environments.
- * Families are able to establish a support system.
- * Families have the opportunity to observe their children making friends with children of all abilities.

DID YOU KNOW...

Research clearly indicates that children with and without disabilities make significant gains when enrolled in inclusive settings that are centers of learning for all children.

...for Communities

- * Communities have improved access to information and resources so that they are prepared to teach children with special needs.
- * Communities have access to training and technical assistance to help those working with young children receive the professional development they need through coordinated state agencies.
- * Community services are well-coordinated and supported through a common understanding of programs, policies and requirements modeled by collaborative state agency staff.



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