

Early Childhood Special Education Resources

Federal and National Level Resources

[Office of Special Education Programs](#)

[Dear Colleague Letter](#) Preschool Least Restrictive Environment, January 2017

[Division for Early Childhood \(DEC\) of the Council for Exceptional Children](#)

The DEC, in collaboration with the [Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center](#) (ECTA), developed a new set of [Division for Early Childhood \(DEC\) Recommended Practices](#) (2014). The DEC Recommended Practices provide guidance to practitioners and families about the most effective ways to improve the learning outcomes and promote the development of young children, birth through age 5, who have or are at-risk for developmental delays or disabilities. For additional resources and tools to support the implementation of the DEC Recommended Practices, go to [Practice Improvement Tools: Using the DEC Recommended Practices](#) on the ECTA site.

[DEC Position Statements](#) for position statements on specific topics and issues such as Challenging Behavior (2017), Child Maltreatment (2016), and Inclusion (2009).

United States [Departments of Education](#) and [Health and Human Services](#):

The U.S. DE and HHS have developed resources, information, and Joint Policy Statements to support early learning.

[ED Early Learning](#) for information on supporting our youngest learners.

- [Inclusion](#) for resources and the [full policy statement](#)
- [Expulsion and Suspension](#) for resources and the [full policy statement](#).
- [Dual Language Learners in Early Childhood Programs](#) for resources and the [full policy statement](#)
- [ED-HHS Family Engagement](#) for resources and the [full policy statement](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- [Office of Early Childhood Development](#)
- [Office of Head Start](#)
- [Office of Child Care](#)

National Technical Assistance Systems

- [Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center](#) (ECTA)
- [National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations](#) (NCPMI)
- [National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement](#) (NCPFCE)

[Head Start Inclusion](#)

[Center for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation](#)

State Resources

[Early Childhood Statewide Leadership Team](#)

[Access for Special Kids](#) (ASK) which is Iowa's Parent Training and Information Center for Families.