

Making a referral to Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)

When you suspect a child has a delay or could potentially qualify for ECI services, the next step is to make a referral to the local ECI contractor. If you are a physician, select the following link to make a referral: <https://txpeds.org/eci>. If you are not a physician, follow the steps outlined below as the best method for referral.

1. Using the child's city, county, or zip code, search for the local ECI contractor on the ECI Program Search webpage:
<https://citysearch.hhsc.state.tx.us/>
 - a. If more than one program is listed as a result of your search, any program can help direct you to the correct contractor. The page contains all of the elements seen below:

ECI PROGRAM SEARCH BY CITY

Search By:

City County Zip

Search by Zip Code:

View ECI program list alphabetically by county:

[A](#) | [B](#) | [C](#) | [D](#) | [E](#) | [F](#) | [G](#) | [H](#) | [I](#) | [J](#) | [K](#) | [L](#) | [M](#) | [N](#) | [O](#) | [P](#) | [Q](#) | [R](#) | [S](#) | [T](#) | [U](#) | [V](#) | [W](#) | [X](#) | [Y](#) | [Z](#)

Programs available in (area)

Name of entity
Local program name
Address
City/State/Zip code
Referral phone number
Fax number
E-mail address of program director
Web address for specific program

2. Call the phone number listed next to referral number. You will likely be asked for the following information:
 - a. Child's first and last name
 - b. Child's date of birth
 - c. Contact information for the parent/caregiver including phone number and home address
 - d. Primary language spoken in the home

- e. Reason for the referral (e.g. child has a medical diagnosis; child is 18 months old and not walking; child is using single words to communicate and is 30 months old.)
- f. Your contact information and relationship to the child

Alternatives to the above steps include:

- Develop a relationship with the local ECI contractors to identify the best way to make a referral to that program.
- Review the information on the HHSC webpage: [How to Make a Referral to ECI](#).