



## 20-1300E Special Education, IEP, IDEA, & 504 State Tactics and Strategies

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### What is ECI?



ECI is a statewide program for families with children, birth to three, with disabilities and developmental delays. ECI supports families to help their children reach their potential through developmental services. Services are provided by a variety of local agencies and organizations across Texas.

### ECI cont.

State and federally funded through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, P.L. 108-446), ECI provides evaluations and assessments, at no cost to families, to determine eligibility and need for services. Families and professionals work as a team to plan appropriate services based on the unique needs of the child and family. ECI asks families who can afford to do so, to share in the cost of services. The amount a family pays for ECI services is determined using a sliding fee scale and is based on family size and income after allowable deductions. No child and family will be turned away because of an inability to pay.



ECI goes to families and focuses on working with the child and family in their natural environment, such as at home, grandma's, or a child care center. Essentially, it's where children live, learn and play.

For more information about ECI or to refer a child, call the DARS Inquiries Line at 1-800-628-5115.



## Notice of Procedural Safeguards 2012

### Special Education



- Meet 2 Requirements
  - Does individual have a disability?
    - 11 Categories
      - OHI (Other Health Impaired)
      - Speech Impairment
  - Does individual need specialized instruction?
    - Test
      - IQ, Cognitive
      - Achievement Test/ Academic

### Special Education Cont.

- Ages 3-21
- Test every 3 years (Avg.)
- Ard Committee Evaluation
- Other Evaluation



## ARD Committee

### A Guide to the Admission, Review, and Dismissal Process



## Section 504

### A Guide for Parents of Students with Disabilities

## Section 504



- Environmental Need
  - Does a disability interfere with the individual's major life activities?
  - Intended to level playing field

## Post Secondary

- DARS Transitioning
- College Coordinator
- 504
- Testing



## Resources



DARS: Disability and Rehabilitation Services  
[www.dars.state.tx.us](http://www.dars.state.tx.us)

ECI: Early Childhood Intervention  
<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/index.shtml#eci>

IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
<http://idea.ed.gov>

NCLB: No Child Left Behind  
<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/index.html>