



Early Childhood Evaluation Program (ECEP)
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Quick Information for Parents

What is the Early Childhood Evaluation Program or "ECEP"?

- ◆ ECEP is a statewide program that provides evaluation services for children ages birth to three.
- ◆ ECEP is part of the New Mexico Family Infant Toddler (NM FIT) program.
- ◆ ECEP evaluation services support families with infants and toddlers, as well as NM FIT Early Intervention (EI) providers throughout New Mexico.
- ◆ ECEP is part of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Center for Development and Disability, Department of Pediatrics.

What does ECEP do?

- ◆ ECEP uses a team approach to address concerns related to developmental delay, complex medical conditions, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, behavioral/regulatory issues, and other specialized evaluation questions for children ages birth to three.
- ◆ The ECEP team typically includes the child's family, a pediatrician, psychologist, speech-language pathologist, and a physical or occupational therapist.
- ◆ An ECEP evaluation takes at least half a day, consisting of a 2 hour assessment, 1 hour break, and a 1 hour meeting where results and recommendations are shared with the family and providers.
- ◆ ECEP is a training site for a variety of students, trainees, and professionals who often observe and/or participate during ECEP evaluations.

How much does an ECEP evaluation cost?

- ◆ There is never a charge to families. We will bill Medicaid, and with your permission, private insurance. A copy of your insurance/Medicaid card is required for billing.

How do I get an ECEP evaluation for my child?

- ◆ If you are currently receiving EI services, please talk with your service coordinator to decide if an ECEP evaluation may be right for your child and how to refer to ECEP.
- ◆ If you are not receiving EI services, call ECEP at **(505) 272-9846** or **1-800-337-6076**.
- ◆ Please note that ECEP evaluations are scheduled after referral paperwork is received.
- ◆ ECEP typically schedules at least 1 month in advance, or more, based on demand and location.

What if I want therapy or EI services for my child?

- ◆ ECEP does not provide ongoing therapy or EI services. Please call **BabyNet** at **1-800-552-8195** for information on these services in your area.
- ◆ Your local EI provider can carry out an initial developmental evaluation and arrange ongoing therapy/EI services for eligible children ages birth to three.