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## What does an *ECEP* evaluation look like?

Evaluations are scheduled for about four hours, and include:

- Two hour developmental assessment with medical, developmental, and behavioral history
- Medical examination
- A family break while ECEP team generates results and develops suggestions and recommendations
- A family meeting to discuss testing results, diagnoses, and recommendations

A comprehensive report follows approximately one month after evaluation.

## Where are ECEP evaluations completed?

ECEP evaluations are completed at our clinic in central Albuquerque, at 2300 Menaul NE, in the Midtown Center between University & Carlisle.

The ECEP team also frequently travels to locations around the state of New Mexico.

## How do I get an *ECEP* evaluation for a child?

- If the child is currently receiving Early Intervention services, the family and early intervention coordinator should get together to decide if an ECEP evaluation may be right for the child and how to refer to ECEP
- If a family is not receiving Early Intervention services, call ECEP to request a referral packet or go to ECEP website at [www.cdd.unm.edu/ecep](http://www.cdd.unm.edu/ecep) to download forms
- Please note that ECEP evaluations are scheduled after referral paperwork is received
- ECEP typically schedules 2-4 months in advance, based on demand and location

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## Early Childhood Evaluation Program (ECEP)



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## ***Early Childhood Evaluation Program***

### ***ECEP provides:***

Interdisciplinary evaluations for children birth to three living throughout New Mexico. ECEP addresses concerns regarding developmental delay, complex medical conditions, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, behavioral/regulatory issues, and other specialized evaluation questions for very young children.



### ***ECEP evaluates:***

- Thinking and problem-solving
- Social and emotional interactions and engagement
- Communication, speech, and language abilities and understanding
- Motor skills and coordination
- Response to sights, sounds, touch, and movement
- Physical examination and review of medical history

***ECEP is:*** a team of professionals with years of experience working with young children, including:

- A physician or nurse practitioner
- A psychologist
- A speech-language pathologist
- A physical or occupational therapist

Family members are the most important members of the team, though. We also encourage early intervention providers to observe and give feedback.

### ***ECEP evaluations are:***

- Provided at no cost to New Mexico residents - private insurance and Medicaid are billed
- Conducted in many different locations throughout New Mexico
- A helpful resource for families and early intervention and school providers
- Child and family-friendly
- Play-based and fun

