

Brooklyn Early Childhood Direction Center

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(formerly United Cerebral Palsy of NYC)

FACT SHEET

The **Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC)**, funded by the New York State Education Department, provides free confidential information and referral for families and professionals about services for young children with suspected or diagnosed developmental delays or disabilities. Children of families referred to the ECDC should reside in Brooklyn and be between birth and five years of age; or the ECDC can link the child to the ECDC in their home borough or across the state. You can find more information about the NYS ECDC network and other early childhood resources at:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/techassist/ecdc/home.html>

ECDC staff provides information about and/or referrals for:

- Diagnostic and Evaluation Services
- Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Services
- Preschool Special Education Services
- Transition to School Age Special Education Services
- Childcare, Head Start and other Early Childhood Settings
- Family Support Services
- Medical, Dental and Other Health Services
- Advocacy

Services provided by the **ECDC** include:

- Linking children and families to available services, supports and programs in New York City
- Referrals to agencies and professionals providing services to young children and their families
- Referrals of infants and toddlers to the New York City Early Intervention Program (EI)
- Assistance with referrals of children to the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)
- Follow up telephone contact with families until their child reaches age five
- Workshops and resources for families and professionals
- Technical assistance for early childhood programs

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