



Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems

EVIDENCE TO IMPACT CENTER

Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems (ECDHS): Evidence to Impact Center

In communities across the country, families strive to give their children a good start in life. Yet, far too many families – especially those who experience racial and economic inequities – face considerable obstacles in receiving the services they need to help their babies and toddlers thrive. This reality underpins the critical need for comprehensive early childhood developmental (ECD) health systems that support all families with young children to receive access to the services they need, when they need them.

The Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems (ECDHS): Evidence to Impact Center supports states and communities across the nation in building equitable and family-centered early childhood systems that improve the health and well-being of our nation’s babies and toddlers. The Center also works to expand the integration of high-quality early childhood services into pediatric settings to address the holistic needs of children and families.

The goals of the Center are to:

- **Strengthen the evidence base of state ECD systems** by examining existing systems-building evidence, identifying gaps, and exploring what questions need to be answered to ensure the evidence base reflects diverse voices and experiences.
- **Accelerate ECD systems development** by providing direct technical assistance and support focused on systems implementation and evaluation to state-level Implementation Sites and disseminating resources that can be used nationwide.
- **Increase systems-building skills and the number of early childhood and health system leaders** across the country by providing universal and specialized technical assistance opportunities that help ECD professionals build, implement, and evaluate their systems approaches.
- **Advance the delivery of high-quality ECD promotion and support services in pediatric settings** by providing national leadership, technical assistance, and coordination in support of the Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood (TPEC) program. In coordination with the Maternal Child Health Bureau and the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), technical assistance and support is also provided to community health centers.

We provide technical assistance and support to state, territory, community, and tribal teams to serve young children and their families, including:

- **Implementation Sites** to advance early childhood systems-building efforts.
- **TPEC Resource Hubs** to expand the integration of ECD services into pediatric settings.
- **Community health centers** funded by BPHC to improve developmental outcomes.

ZERO TO THREE leads the ECDHS: Evidence to Impact Center in partnership with several of the nation’s top early childhood and health system organizations — the American Academy of Pediatrics, Help Me Grow National Center, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Family Voices, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development, and Institute for Child Success. Visit earlychildhoodimpact.org for more information and to access our resources and events.



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