



# NC★ECIDS

North Carolina Early Childhood  
Integrated Data System

The NC Early Childhood Integrated Data System (NC ECIDS) is North Carolina's single source for integrated early childhood education, health and social service data from participating state agencies. The mission of NC ECIDS is to provide a high-quality, comprehensive, integrated early childhood data system for North Carolina to inform policies and programs that produce better outcomes for children and families.

## Our Goal

*We believe early childhood integrated data will lead to:*



### **Better insight**

into how early  
childhood services  
are utilized across  
NC



### **Better answers**

to key early  
childhood policy  
and program  
questions



### **Better decisions**

regarding use and  
refinement of early  
childhood programs



### **Better outcomes**

for the children and  
families of North  
Carolina

NC ECIDS data are available through an interactive web portal (<https://www.ecids.nc.gov>) that provides aggregate statewide reports that can also be customized by county, child demographics, and state fiscal year. NC ECIDS also has a dedicated, private data request portal for research data requests.

## Participating Programs

- NC Pre-K
- Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program
- Early Intervention, IDEA Part C
- Preschool Exceptional Children, IDEA Part B, 619
- Food and Nutrition Services (SNAP)
- Child Protective Services

## Additional Participating Programs in Development or Planned for the Future

- Work First (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Early Childhood Workforce
- Child Care Regulatory

## NC ECIDS is designed to:

- Integrate data for children birth to 5 across service sectors to answer key program and policy questions
- Provide unduplicated counts of children in participating programs and services
- Provide counts of children who are receiving multiple early childhood services
- Produce aggregate level reports for commonly asked program and policy questions
- Provide data for approved research requests
- Connect with the P-20W (Preschool through age 20/Workforce) system to examine the effects of early childhood programs over time

## NC ECIDS does not:

- Include *all* children aged birth to 5 in NC (only children receiving services from the participating programs)
- Evaluate or track *individual* children or teachers
- Release names, Social Security numbers, addresses, or pictures of client children and parents
- Include any financial data for children or programs

To access NC ECIDS, go to <https://www.ecids.nc.gov>

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