

# NEED HELP?

Do any of the behaviors below describe your child or a child in your care?

- ✓ Temper Tantrums
- ✓ Hyperactive
- ✓ Withdrawn
- ✓ Harmful to Self
- ✓ Impulsive Acts
- ✓ Oppositional Behavior
- ✓ Separation Anxiety
- ✓ Disruptive
- ✓ Fighting, Kicking, Biting

**Call us for help at 410-677-6590.**

## IMPLEMENTING THE DEVEREUX EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) is a nationally normed assessment of within-child protective factors in preschool children aged 2 to 5. The DECA may be used by programs as an assessment and/or a screener. The three primary purposes of DECA are:

1. To identify children who may lack protective factors so strategies can be implemented at home and child care to strengthen these abilities,
2. To generate classroom profiles indicating the relative strengths of all the children so curriculum will build upon their strengths to foster healthy social/emotional growth, and
3. To screen children who are exhibiting behavioral concerns so they can be addressed before they develop into behavior disorders.

Trainings for child care providers and mental health clinicians on using and implementing the DECA program in your center or agency is available through LSEIP.

# WARM LINE

We invite you to call the LSEIP "Warm Line" for brief consultations and strategies on handling challenging behaviors of children birth to 5, for information on early childhood mental health issues and for community referrals.



## Lower Shore Early Intervention Program

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## EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Providing quality early childhood behavior interventions, assessments and educational services for child care providers, families, early educators and mental health clinicians of children ages birth to five on the Lower Eastern Shore.

# IS YOUR CHILD...

- ✓ Acting out?
- ✓ Not responding to directions?
- ✓ Having attachment issues?
- ✓ Aggressive toward self or others?
- ✓ Coping with a disability?
- ✓ Unmanageable?
- ✓ Having difficulty getting along with others?

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Providing quality behavior interventions and promoting social emotional competency for young children (birth-age 5) in child care while providing educational services and support to the early childhood community on Maryland's Eastern Shore.



## MAKING A REFERRAL FOR SERVICES

A parent/guardian, child care provider, early educator, pediatrician or mental health clinician can refer a child for services between the ages of birth and five who is currently in child care by calling 410-677-6590, Monday-Friday, 10:10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Once consent for services has been obtained from the child's parent or guardian, we will observe the child in the child care setting and at home, assess the child's behavior and social/emotional needs, offer behavior intervention strategies, and recommend continued supportive community services for the child, as needed.



**Serving Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties. Visit the Lower Shore Early Intervention Program Web site at [www.lowershoreccrc.org](http://www.lowershoreccrc.org) for more information.**



The Lower Shore Early Intervention Program (LSEIP) is a grant program run through the Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center at Salisbury University and funded by the Maryland State Department of Education. The program is designed to serve young children who demonstrate serious behavioral concerns to their parents/guardians, child care providers, early educators and/or mental health clinicians.

Our Early Intervention Team assesses children at child care locations and at home. The Team also provides brief interventions and strategies, education, information and/or referrals to community agencies for continued supportive services.

Together with parents, child care providers and mental health clinicians, LSEIP works to achieve social and emotional readiness in children. The LSEIP staff believes when a child isn't emotionally and socially ready for school, he or she may not be capable of academic success. The program's goal is to enable children to enter kindergarten with the social/emotional skills needed to be resilient, successful learners.



## OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Intervention strategies for managing difficult behaviors
- Early childhood social/emotional development trainings\*
- Care provider and parent training
- Community referrals
- Solutions to behavioral concerns
- Observations and assessments
- Fostering "School Readiness"
- Trained professional assistance
- Informed community referrals
- Creating consistent environments
- Assistance to support social and emotional needs of young children
- Mental health clinician trainings\*
- Implementing and mentoring the DECA program to clinicians and child care providers



## TRAININGS\*

Providing trainings to parents/guardians, child care providers/early educators and mental health clinicians is a vital part of the Lower Shore Early Intervention Program. Topics are broad and varied to meet the trainings needs of local care givers.

For more information on available trainings or to suggest or request a topic, call 410-677-6590. We look forward to hearing how we can better serve your mental health training needs! Visit our Web site for further details at [www.lowershoreccrc.org](http://www.lowershoreccrc.org).