

*Community of Tomorrow*

Child Development Services has helped thousands of children since its founding in 1984. CDS is committed to building the future of our community by helping our children reach their highest potential.



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***“Making a difference for  
children  
and their families.”***



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Specialists involved in DESD Child Development Services (CDS) are devoted to nurturing the hopes and the aspirations of our community's parents and children.

For more than 25 years, CDS has helped our community's birth to five year old children with identified delays and disabilities by providing coordination among educational, medical, and other community services. Serving more than 600 children in our region annually, CDS's services include early intervention and early childhood special education programs. Services are provided at no cost to families.

### Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education

Research shows that intervening early works. Early childhood is a critical time in brain development. Services are designed to provide the informational, emotional, and educational support for families of eligible young children who have developmental delays or disabilities. Each individual child's needs determine the goals and services offered. Early intervention services are for children from birth to age three and their families. Coaching parents is a strong component of the program, and these services are provided either in the home or at one of the CDS sites in Jackson County. A family may receive home visitation and/or therapy services to address the child's and the family's unique needs.

For families with eligible children ages three to five, early childhood special education services can help minimize school-age learning problems, increase functional physical abilities, and decrease the risk of developing secondary disabilities. Services include speech, physical, and occupational therapies; autism services; parent/child groups;

and developmental preschools. Children may receive services in area community preschools and through local Head Start programs. Child Development Services also operates low-cost, high-quality preschools for children with and without disabilities at multiple sites throughout Jackson County. Children with autism can participate in our comprehensive state-recognized autism program. CDS also provides services to children with special needs who are bilingual. The CDS staff work together with families to help with their children's progress. Family involvement in all service models is critical in optimizing a young child's long-term abilities.

