

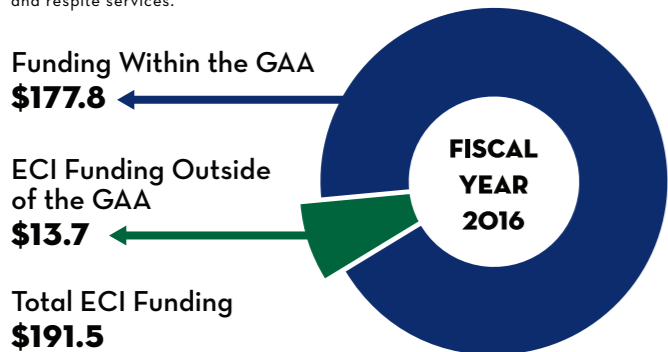


EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION (ECI) PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES

The ECI program receives funding from several sources, including funds appropriated to the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and funding outside of the General Appropriations Act (GAA). This graphic includes budgeted amounts for fiscal year 2016 as provider contracts have been finalized. Due to the timing of the contracting process, fiscal year 2017 amounts outside of the GAA are not yet available; the fiscal year 2017 amounts within the GAA are estimated to be \$178.2 million in All Funds (\$140.7 million at DARS and \$37.5 million at HHSC).

TOTAL ECI FUNDING (in millions)

Does not include funds appropriated for training, evaluation, technical assistance, and respite services.



FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

The **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C**, Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities, is a federal grant program that assists states in operating a comprehensive statewide program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

The **Foundation School Program (FSP)** is the primary means of distributing state aid to Texas public schools. The DARS appropriation includes Foundation School Funds which are transferred from the Texas Education Agency through an interagency contract to fund eligibility awareness/determinations, comprehensive services, and transition services.

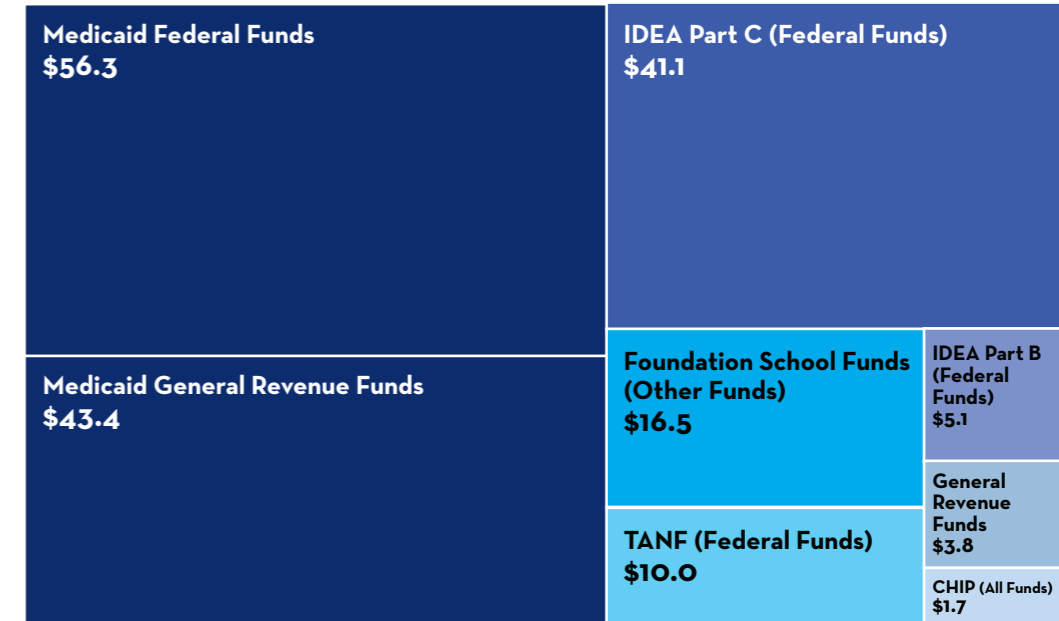
The **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** program provides assistance to families with needy children so that children can be cared for in their own homes and is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. States have broad flexibility to use the block grants to design and operate programs that accomplish one of the purposes of the TANF program.

TRICARE is a healthcare program administered by the United States Department of Defense Military Health System, providing civilian health benefits for military personnel, military retirees, and their dependents.

The **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** provides health coverage to eligible children from low-income families who do not have access to affordable health insurance.

The **Family Cost Share** system is designed so families with the ability to pay will share in the cost of services. ECI staff work with families to determine their monthly maximum charge, depending on factors including family size and income, the type and amount of ECI services provided each month, and whether the child receives Medicaid benefits.

ECI FUNDING WITHIN THE GAA FY2016 (in millions)



ECI FUNDING OUTSIDE THE GAA FY2016 (in millions)





ECI PROGRAM INFORMATION

TYPES OF AVAILABLE SERVICES INCLUDE

- Physical therapy
- Speech & language therapy
- Vision services
- Nutrition services
- Developmental services
- Occupational therapy
- Transition services

Services are provided through contracts with local agencies (community centers, education service centers, and private nonprofit entities) that determine eligibility, assess the child's needs, and coordinate the delivery of comprehensive services. Once referred, the child is evaluated by a team including licensed early intervention specialists, speech pathologists, physical therapists, psychologists, social workers and counselors. If determined to be eligible for services, an Individualized Family Service Plan is developed for the child and family, including goals for the child, daily activities for family and caregivers, which ECI services are needed, how often and where the services will be provided, and who will provide the service. Children typically receive services at home but also in places they go regularly, such as child care facilities, parks and libraries.

FISCAL YEAR 2015
 AVERAGE NUMBER
26,272
 CHILDREN SERVED
 EACH MONTH

FISCAL YEAR 2015
 AVERAGE NUMBER
2.69
 SERVICE HOURS
 PER CHILD
 EACH MONTH

ECI services are provided to families with children from birth to age three with developmental delays or disabilities so that the child can reach developmental goals. Children are eligible if they have one or more of the following conditions: a developmental delay as documented on a standardized testing tool, a medically diagnosed condition (from an approved list) with a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay, or an auditory or visual impairment. ECI serves children ages 0-36 months. Of the children served, 66% are eligible for Medicaid.

WHO DOES ECI SERVE?



HOW IS A CHILD REFERRED TO ECI SERVICES?

