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For more information on the ECMHC service, call 302-781-3211.
ECMHC Partnership

A partnership with providers of early care and education programs

The Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services (DPBHS) offers Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation as a free service and a partnership with Delaware early childhood education programs — with a focus on children 2-5 years of age.

All consultants are licensed mental health professionals with experience working in early learning settings. The commitment and collaboration of the center’s director and staff, along with a child’s parents or caregivers is essential to a successful partnership.

What is ECMHC Service?

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

ECMHC is a free service that is effective in addressing and supporting young children’s social and emotional development in early care and education settings. It is a capacity building and problem solving intervention implemented within a collaborative relationship between the consultant and early care and education provider as well as the child’s family.

Through onsite consultation, training and coaching from clinically licensed Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants, early educators are obtaining the tools necessary for behavior management in the classroom to ultimately reduce incidents of disruptive behaviors, build collaborative relationships and enhance social and emotional skills in children.

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ECMHC can help your program:

- Develop problem-solving interventions to reduce incidents of disruptive classroom behaviors;
- Build collaborative relationship between mental health professionals, early learning providers and caregivers;
- Strengthen skills of teaching staff to work with children who have social and emotional challenges;
- Enhance relationships with children in care; and
- Reduce teacher and caregiver stress.

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“The most challenging issue in early childhood education today is behavior management … maintaining a balance between aggressive behaviors while providing quality education to all.”

“With ECMHC, we are investing in a child’s future as well as the success of our future students.”