

Early Childhood Services/Resources in Gates County

INTERVENTION SERVICES			
AGE	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT
Birth to 36 Months	<b>Early Intervention</b>	The North Carolina Early Intervention Branch (NCEI) is a part of the N.C. Division of Public Health. It is the lead agency for the N.C. Infant-Toddler Program (ITP). The Infant-Toddler Program provides support and services for families and their children, birth to three who have special needs. Children aged zero to three with certain levels of developmental delay or established conditions, and their families, are eligible for the ITP. No family is denied services because of the inability to pay. Services that are offered are service coordination, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language therapy, family support, special instruction, and assistive technology. Services are provided within the child's natural environment as a part of their everyday routines and activities in which families participate and in places where families would typically be. When services take place, children can be at home with their families or at places within the community like the park, playground or daycare with other care providers. Anyone with concerns about a child may refer him or her to the ITP.	<p>If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:</p> <p>Elizabeth City CDSA                      P. O. Box 189, 1417 Parkview Dr.                      Elizabeth City, NC 27909                      252-338-4044</p>

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<p>36 Months - Kindergarten</p>	<p><b>Preschool Exceptional Children's Program</b></p>	<p>The Preschool Exceptional Children's Program promotes the development of preschool-age children with special needs. We offer developmental screenings, evaluations and services free of charge. Services could include: Speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, social skills training, pre-academic skills support, and parent training. Currently there are two classrooms at Gatesville Elementary that serve the county's preschool children, regardless of their home-school district. These classes are blended with the NC Pre-K classes.</p>	<p>If you have concerns about your child's development or available school services for preschoolers, please contact</p> <p>Lori S. Ward                  Gatesville Elementary School                  709 Main Street                  Gatesville, NC 27938                  252-357-4133  <a href="mailto:loriward@gatescountyschools.net">loriward@gatescountyschools.net</a></p>
<p>0 - 5 Years</p>	<p><b>CC4C Care Coordination for Children</b></p>	<p>CC4C is a program offered at no charge to children who have long term medical conditions or special health care needs, are dealing with challenging levels of stress, are in foster care, or are referred by a community agency or doctor. Services may include supportive home visits, visiting the doctor with you, and care coordination.</p>	<p>If you have questions, please contact</p> <p>Katie Speight                  252-357-1380</p>
<p>0 - 5 Years</p>	<p><b>Parents as Teachers Program (PAT)</b></p>	<p>PAT provides parents with information on appropriate child development, provides parenting support, helps detect developmental delays and health issues, and increases school readiness skills. Services will include personal visits twice a month for each family (2) regular group connections (3) annual developmental screenings and functional assessments; and (4) referrals to community resources provided to families as needed.</p>	<p>If you have questions, please call Albemarle Alliance for Children and Families, Inc.</p> <p>252-333-1233</p>

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0-5 Years	<b>SafeCare Parenting Program</b>	SafeCare is an evidence-based, home visiting program, for parents of children 5 years old or younger who are at-risk for or have been involved with child neglect or maltreatment. SafeCare Providers work with families in their homes to improve parents skills in three areas: 1) Parent-infant/child interactions 2) Home safety and 3) Child health care. It's designed to be completed in 18 sessions.	If you have questions, please call Albemarle Alliance for Children and Families, Inc.  252-333-1233
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORTED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS</b>			
4 years old to Kindergarten	<b>NC Pre-K Preschool Program</b>	The NC Pre-K Program is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-olds. Currently there are two classrooms at Gatesville Elementary that serve the county's preschool children, regardless of their home-school district.	If you have questions, please contact  Lori S. Ward 252-357-4133 <a href="mailto:loriward@gatescountyschools.net">loriward@gatescountyschools.net</a>
3 years old to Kindergarten	<b>Head Start</b>	Head Start is an income based preschool program designed to help children and families prepare for kindergarten and lifelong success. Head Start offers services that include dental, disabilities, nutrition, social emotional and family services. Currently we have one classroom housed at the Gatesville Elementary School.	If you have questions, please contact  Una Brown 252-337- 4412 <a href="mailto:ubrown@eicinc.org">ubrown@eicinc.org</a>

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PRIVATE DAYCARE			
Birth to Kindergarten	<b>Private Daycares</b>	<a href="http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/general/home.asp">http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/general/home.asp</a>	Click on <b>Search for Child Care</b> in the upper left hand corner of the screen.
Birth to Age 16	<b>Subsidy Assistance for Child Care</b>	The Child Care Subsidy program uses state and federal funds to provide subsidized child care services to eligible families.	If you have questions, please contact Donna Powell at 252-357-0075
	<b>Albemarle Smart Start Child Care Scholarship</b>	Financial assistance will be paid on a direct per child basis for the purchase of part- or full-day care and/or rate enhancements for families eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). Includes wrap-around care for children attending other publicly funded part-day programs such as NC Pre-K, Head Start or Developmental Day Schools.	If you have questions, please call Albemarle Alliance for Children and Families, Inc.  252-333-1233