

Why is the NC ELSSP so important?

Vision and hearing are key pathways for learning in early childhood. Years ago, state government leaders recognized the need for licensed teachers and staff who were highly qualified to address the unique needs of children with vision and/or hearing impairments. Services are now provided to over 1200 children annually through special state funding.



Additional information & Referrals

For more information about the North Carolina Early Learning Sensory Support Program, to sign up for our newsletters, or to make a request for services, please contact:

Early Learning Sensory Support Program for Children with Vision Impairments - 984-292-3063

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Office of Exceptional Children



Serving Children with Vision and/or Hearing Impairments

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Who we are...

NC ELSSP is a state funded direct service provider for young children with vision and/or hearing impairments. Services are provided at no cost by licensed teachers and staff trained to work with children with vision and/or hearing impairments.

Who we serve...

NC ELSSP serves children primarily birth to 3 years of age who have vision and/or hearing impairments. NC ELSSP also serves children over 3 years of age with vision and/or hearing impairments through the NC Public School System on a case-by-case basis.



Where we serve...

NC ELSSP provides services in a child's natural environment, including homes, childcare settings, the community, and schools throughout North Carolina.

What we do...

Children with vision and/or hearing impairments can maximize their learning potential through specially designed instruction. NC ELSSP collaborates with families, and other service providers to explore best practices for promoting positive outcomes for children.

SERVICES MAY INCLUDE:

- Specialty Designed Instruction and/or Consultation
- Training and Support for Families
- Professional Development
- Functional Vision Assessment
- Language Assessments
- Learning Media Assessments
- Occupational Therapy
- Orientation and Mobility Services
- Pre-Braille and Braille Training

