

Family Resources

Service Coordinators need to have knowledge of a great number of resources to ensure they have the tools and information to help families address barriers and meet needs. The following is a list of resources that may be helpful for Service Coordinators to support families receiving ECI services.

Braille Reading Books

National Braille Press operates the [ReadBooks! Program](#) to encourage families with blind children to read books together. Parents can receive a free book bag including an age-appropriate book, tools and guides to help parents use braille, and tactile items.

CHIP or Children's Medicaid

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) program covers medical and some dental expenses for children who meet eligibility requirements. CHIP materials, including brochures, poster, and an income limit card, can be ordered from the [HHSC online ordering system](#).

Families Experiencing Homelessness

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center (ECLKC) has a series of [eight training modules](#) for early care and education providers on supporting families experiencing homelessness.

Learn the Signs, Act Early!

The Centers for Disease Control offers many free resources, including checklists and tip sheets on topics, such as: *How to Help Your Child* and *Talk with the Doctor*, and much more, through their [Learns the Signs, Act Early](#) program.