



Early Childhood  
Consultation  
Partnership

# Early Childhood Consultation Partnership (ECCP®) Program Overview

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# Early Childhood Consultation Partnership (ECCP®)

- ECCP® is a statewide, strengths-based program that is designed to offer caregivers of young children relationship-based consultation services.
- The goal of the ECCP® program is to support the healthy social, emotional, and relational development of young children (birth to age five) by offering support and consultation to those who care for them.
- ECCP® is funded and supported by Connecticut's Department of Children and Families and the Office of Early Childhood.
- Developed and managed by Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc.



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# About ECCP®



- Developed in 2002 by ABH, with primary goal of reducing preschool suspension and expulsion.
- ECCP® is an evidence-based program, with 3 rigorous random control trial evaluations completed by Yale.
- Available at no cost statewide, consultation services are provided by Masters-level ECCP® Consultants
- ECCP® was piloted in Long Island and recently expanded to the state of Maine.



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# ECCP® Services



**Core Classroom  
Services**



**Family Childcare  
Program Services**



**Child-Specific  
Services**



**Mental Health  
Consultation Groups**



**Community  
Trainings**



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# ECCP® Core Classroom Service

- ECCP® Consultant provides classroom wide support on the social-emotional or behavioral climate of the classroom.
  - Classroom observations (pre- and post-service)
  - A co-developed Action Plan with teaching team
  - Support for the staff's capacity and understanding of children's social-emotional development
  - 6-8 classroom support visits, to help teachers implement strategies
  - A social-emotional training
  - Individualized support for up to two children\* in the classroom



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# ECCP<sup>®</sup> Family Child Care Program Service



- ECCP<sup>®</sup> Consultant supports a Family-Based Child Care Program, with program-wide supports for the social-emotional or behavioral climate.
  - Program observations (pre- and post-service)
  - An action plan developed with the FCC Provider
  - Support with understanding children's social-emotional development
  - 3 support visits at the FCC Program to scaffold provider's implementation of strategies.



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# ECCP® Child-Specific Service

ECCP® Consultant provides focused supports for a specific child who may be exhibiting social-emotional and/or behavioral difficulties.

- Exploration of strengths & needs with Program Staff and Family
- Classroom & Home Observations
- An individualized Action Plan with strategies the adults can use to support the child
- Two support visits that can be in the classroom and/or at home



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# Mental Health Consultation Groups and Community Trainings



- ECCP® Consultants facilitate mental health consultation groups (MHCG) and social-emotional trainings. Occur virtually or live.
- MHCG are open groups, can come regularly or drop in when able. May have a topic for discussion or open forum for attendees.
- Community Trainings offered on a variety of social-emotional topics.
- If interested, can email consultant to learn more and be added to distribution list



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# ECCP® Can Help With



- Challenging behavior
- Family Stressors
- Difficulties in the ECE center or Family Child Care setting
- Classroom Structure
- Physical Space
- Mixed Age Ranges
- Stress Management/Self Care
- Social-emotional Strategies



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# Who Can Make a Referral?



- Parent/Guardian
- ECE Director/Teacher
- Family Child Care Provider
- DCF Worker
- OEC Staff
- Community Providers



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# If you Have Questions or Need Support

To find a consultant near you, please visit  
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“find a consultant” feature:

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**Thank You!**

