



# Mental Health & Disabilities Newsletter

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## 2009 State Autism Profiles

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) presented new findings that revealed as many as one in 150 children in the United States are now diagnosed with autism. While no known cure is yet available, autism is treatable. Many states are responding to what is now described as an epidemic by offering more services for children and adults with autism.

Easter Seals has prepared a state-of-the-state report of autism services in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The profiles highlight:

1. the number of children with autism who have received the state's special education services
2. state insurance coverage for autism if available
3. Medicaid services specific for individuals with autism
4. educational programs provided to students with autism or training that focused on autism special education criteria
5. other state-led resources, and sponsors of autism legislation

To view the state profiles click [here](#).



## Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

The CSEFEL is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age five. CSEFEL is a national resource center funded by the Office of Head Start and Child Care Bureau for disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs across the country. Visit the [CSEFEL website](#).

## It's Not Too Late!

**Transition Webinar-** Hosted by The National Early Childhood Transition Center (NECTC). This fall series is focused on findings from the 7-year research study of factors that promote successful transitions between infant/toddler programs, preschool programs and public school programs for young children with disabilities and their families. The dates are September 18, November 13, and December 11, and will be held at 12:00 PM Central Time. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

## Therapy in Preschools: Can It Have Lasting Benefits?

A growing body of research shows that the programs are benefiting entire classrooms of children by reducing behavior problems and supporting overburdened teachers. Read the complete article by clicking [here](#).

## Our Pledge

The KY T/TA State Office pledges to provide timely, current, and interesting monthly newsletters for the Head Start and Early Head Start communities and others interested in the field. In keeping with our mission to be more "green," we will provide our easy to read newsletter via email.

We would like to hear from you and encourage your suggestions for newsletter content.

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