



Mahtomedi Early Childhood Programs

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## 2 Main Components

### Early Childhood and Family Programs

- Serve children from birth to kindergarten age
- Serve typically developing children and children who are at risk

### Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

- Serves children from birth to kindergarten who have qualified for special education under state and federal guidelines



# Early Childhood Special Education

- Birth to Kindergarten
- Funded via Public School \$\$
- Licensed staff under regular teacher contract
- Beth Sneden –Supervisor
- Nicole Poirier- Early Childhood Special Education Building Lead
- Kathy Stahnke – Due Process Para
- Evaluate children to determine eligibility for special education
- ECSE currently provides services to 45 students ages birth to Kindergarten



Dawn Walker –School Psychologist  
Megan McMahon – District Nurse



# ECSE Birth- 36 months

- Family based programming with Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Students are served in their home or natural environment
- Services provided by OT, PT, Speech and ECSE teacher





Mary-jo Hei: ECSE Teacher

# ECSE 3-Kindergarten

- Children have an IEP
- Preschool Inclusion Program



Deb Carlson: ECSE Teacher/Autism Resource Specialist



# ECSE Class



This class is offered in addition to inclusive preschool settings for specific goal work in a setting with fewer students.

ECSE Teacher: Katie Freemyer  
Para Professionals: Maria Seidl and Shirley Audorff

## Brittni Weber and Nicole Poirier: Speech and Language Pathologists



Individual or group therapy

# ECSE Speech and Language



# ECSE Occupational and Physical Therapy

Individual or group therapy



Paula Metling and Lisa Giuliani: Occupational Therapists

# Early Childhood Programs

- Work Collaboratively
- Share materials and space
- Attend monthly Early Childhood staff meetings
- Have an active Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council



**We are fun!**

**We have a lot of  
toys**



**We know how to share**

