

## About Easter Seals North Georgia Children Services



Easter Seals North Georgia provides high-quality services strengthening children and their families' at the most critical times in a child's development. Each day, ESNG delivers comprehensive education and childcare to more than 3,000 children age 6 weeks to five years old with disabilities and special needs.

Children with disabilities and special needs find high quality services designed to meet their individual needs when they come to Easter Seals. We provide programs to low-income children to ensure that they have equal opportunities in their communities. Teams of therapists, teachers and other health professionals help each child overcome obstacles to independence and reach his or her personal goals. Easter Seals also includes families as active members of any therapy program, and offers the support families need.

Easter Seals North Georgia Children Services, through its varied programs, is committed to providing the highest quality education and care that enriches family life, nurtures each child's unique abilities and that ensures parent's peace of mind.

### Head Start

Head Start is a federally funded child development program for low income young children and their families. Since its inception in 1965, more than 12 million children and families have benefited from Head Start's comprehensive services. The primary target population for Head Start is children between the ages of 3-5 from families living below the federal poverty line. Head Start Programs are funded by the Department of Health and Human Services directly to local community agencies.



### Early Head Start

As with Head Start, Early Head Start offers children and families comprehensive child development services through center-based, home-based, and combination program options. The mission of Early Head Start (EHS) is to enhance the development of very young children, and promote healthy family functioning. EHS is an intensive, comprehensive, flexible program that is designed to reinforce and respond to the unique strengths and needs of each individual child and family.

### Easter Seals Child Development Centers-DeKalb County

With four child care centers (Clarkston, Columbia, Hambrick & Lawrenceville) and two partnerships locations (Giselle Learning Center and Our House) in DeKalb County, we provide high quality services to children ages six-months to five years old. Head Start classrooms consist of two highly qualified and experienced teachers, 1 Lead teacher and 1 Assistant teacher. 4 year old classrooms have 18-20 children and 3 year old classrooms have 17 children. Our Early Head Start classrooms (ages 6 weeks-2) consist of two highly qualified experienced teachers with both teachers serving as co-Leads. Each Early Head Start classroom has a maximum of 8 children per class.