

PRESCHOOL EARLY INTERVENTION

2,500+
**CHILDREN
SERVED
ANNUALLY**

98.44%
FAMILIES
received assistance
developing ideas and
strategies to help
their child learn.

29%
INCREASE
IN NUMBER
OF STUDENTS
SERVED ANNUALLY
SINCE 2016

“ Our daughter went through BCIU because she falls on the spectrum and she was having trouble with speech as a toddler. She is now in kindergarten and we’re absolutely amazed at how far ahead she is. We have worked on her learning too, but we agree that it was because of the BCIU that she’s doing so well. ”

Every year across the Commonwealth, more than 58,000 preschool children (ages 3-5) with disabilities and other developmental delays are served through **Preschool Early Intervention programs**. As required under state and federal law, Early Intervention providers supply a full continuum of special education services to every eligible child that needs them. And like K-12 public education, these services are provided at no cost to families. **Thanks to the services they receive, children with disabilities develop and learn to their fullest potential and are able to enter elementary school better prepared for success. Thousands will either require no special education services, or the level of support they need will be reduced.**



BERKS COUNTY PROGRAM FUNDING NEEDS:

- Increased service options for **students with autism**
- Increased service needs to **support students in inclusive programs** (Pre-K Counts, Head Start, Child Care)
- Increased behavioral supports and services to **prevent suspension/expulsion and meet mental health needs**

BERKS COUNTY STUDENT PROGRESS:

- **88.4%** improved acquisition and use of early language and communication skills
- **81.8%** improved positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships)
- **85.8%** improved use of appropriate behavior to meet their needs

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BCIU PRESCHOOL EI STUDENTS SERVED

Early Intervention Services	2,593
Developmental Delay	1,152
Speech / Language Impairment	701
Autism	550
Other Health Impairment	103
Hearing Impairment	27
Multiple Disabilities	16
Orthopedic Impairment	12
Emotional Disturbance	19
Visual Impairment	4
Intellectual Disability	3
SLD (Specific Learning Disability)	1
Deaf / Blindness	1
Traumatic Brain Injury	1

SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL EARLY INTERVENTION:

- Assistive Technology Devices
- Audiology
- Behavior Support
- Hearing Services
- Itinerant
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Orientation & Mobility
- Personal Care Assistance
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Specialized Classroom
- Speech Therapy
- Transportation
- Vision Services