

BECEP MISSION

BECEP partners with families and community to promote the overall development of children to reach their full learning potential.

BECEP VISION

We believe parents are a child's first and most important teachers. We also believe children learn skills best that are embedded into their daily routines and activities by caregivers who are familiar to the child and with whom they feel safe. All staff at BECEP are committed to this philosophy and strive to partner with parents and other caregivers in teaching children the skills they need to know in all developmental areas.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Right Track

Call 701-328-8985
or toll free 1-888-328-2662

Early Intervention

Call 701-328-8985
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Head Start & Early Head Start

Call 701-323-4400
For federal income and eligibility guidelines go to
<https://www.bismarckschools.org/Page/2616>

Registration forms are attached to the HS/EHS Application.

Early Childhood Special Education & Community Friends

Call 701-323-4400



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BECEP

Serving Children Ages Birth to 5



Bismarck Early Childhood Education Program

WHAT IS BECEP?

Bismarck Early Childhood Education Program (BECEP), a part of Bismarck Public Schools, is made up of six programs serving children ages birth to 5 and their families. Together, these programs serve more than 2,000 children!

Right Track: a free, in-home developmental screening program for all children ages birth to 3 living in Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver & Sheridan Counties.

- Information and activities to promote child development
- Parenting ideas and support
- Referrals to other community agencies and events
- Serves over 1,400 children

Early Intervention: a free, in-home program for eligible children ages birth to 3 who are delayed or high risk for developmental delays living in Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver & Sheridan Counties.

- Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) to meet child and family needs
- Services provided by speech therapists, early childhood special educators, occupational and physical therapists, social workers, & a parent mentor
- Information and activities to promote child development
- Parenting ideas and family support
- Serves over 350 children and their families

Early Head Start: a free, in-home preschool program serving 10 infants and toddlers with and without disabilities and 2 expectant parents (priority given to teen parents) living in Burleigh, Emmons, & Kidder Counties. Eligibility is based on federal income or eligibility guidelines. Services are provided by a child development specialist.

- Family group activities offered
- Information and activities to promote child development
- Parenting ideas and support

Head Start: a free, preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 with and without disabilities living in Burleigh, Emmons, & Kidder Counties. Eligibility is based on federal income or eligibility guidelines. Classes are taught by a Head Start teacher & paraprofessional staff.

- Full days; 4 & 5 day options
- School readiness and social-emotional skills are taught
- Information and activities to promote child development
- Parenting support provided
- Serves 119 children



Childhood Special Education: a free, preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 who meet eligibility criteria based on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and live within the Bismarck Public School District. Classes taught by an Early Childhood Special Education teacher & paraprofessionals.

- Individualized Education Program (IEP) to meet child needs
- Services provided in a preschool classroom, in the community, at home, or through outpatient, determined by child's IEP Team
- Possible services include special education resource services, speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, and vision and hearing services
- Morning or afternoon classroom option
- School readiness and social-emotional skills are taught
- Serves over 150 children

Community Friends: a tuition based, preschool program for children ages 3-5 who demonstrate age-appropriate skills including good language and social-emotional skills and a developmentally appropriate activity level. Community friends are enrolled in Early Childhood Special Education classrooms and taught by an Early Childhood Special Education teacher.

- Must be toilet trained
- Morning or afternoon classroom option
- School readiness and social-emotional skills are taught
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