

HOW ECLDS WORKS

The data system provides reliable information on Minnesota's public early childhood programs.



The Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System (ECLDS) is a free tool that combines data collected by the Minnesota departments of Children, Youth, and Families; Education; Health; and more into one online, interactive database. This data integration allows users to view data from a school district or county in relation to data from other public programs.

ECLDS' integrated data informs users on how Minnesota's early care and education (ECE) programs work together, which communities they serve, and how they are accessed in combination, either simultaneously or over time.

ECLDS provides policymakers, educators, ECE administrators, researchers, and families with reliable information on the state of Minnesota's public early childhood programs. This information can be useful for local reporting, grant applications, and identifying potential gaps in services for a given area and/or community.

Data in ECLDS

ECLDS offers integrated data on children served in publicly-funded programs. The following sources currently comprise the data system:

Department of Education

- Assessment (K-12, English Learner)
- Child Count
- Enrollment (E-12)
- Minnesota Common Course Catalogue
- Teacher Licensing

Department of Health

- Birth Records
- Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

Department of Children, Youth, and Families

- Child Care Assistance Program
- Child Support
- Child Welfare
- Early Learning Scholarships
- MFIP/DWP/SNAP
- Parent Aware

Office of Higher Education

- Postsecondary Enrollment and Completion

ECLDS safeguards the privacy of children. The system only shares population results; not individual data.

The Complexity of Early Childhood

The Early Care and Education report on ECLDS shows how children and families participate in multiple programs to meet their needs. Common combinations are:

- ECCE and MN District Preschool
- ECCE and ECSE
- CCAP and ECSE
- MN District Preschool and CCAP
- ECCE, ECSE and MN District Preschool
- MN District Preschool, CCAP, and ECSE
- CCAP and ECCE

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