

Caregiver Support Programs

Whether you are caring for a senior, a loved one with a chronic illness, or a person with a disability, Easterseals is the place to turn for help. Through the Community Outreach Program, knowledgeable Case Managers are available either virtually or in our Caregiver Resource Centers in New Castle and Milford Wellness Village to provide valuable information and resources for caregiving. Caregivers can learn about adapted devices in the Easterseals Resource and Technology Demonstration Center and can find funding for respite care. Easterseals annual Caregiver Conference and education workshops provide opportunities for learning and networking. Email resources@esdel.org or call 302-221-2076 for more information about caregiver supports or to connect with one of our Case Managers.



Our Mission

Easterseals provides exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

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As we continue to build an inclusive community, Easterseals depends on the generous support of individuals, corporations and foundations to fully fund its programs. For more information and to help, go to de.easterseals.com and click on "Donate".



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What We Offer...

Children's Therapy Services

Children diagnosed with developmental delays or a medical condition receive individualized treatment from a team of professionals, including: Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapists, and Child Development Specialists.



Pediatric Personal Attendant Services

This program, funded by the Delaware Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) is a self-directed care option that gives families with children who have medically complex needs the flexibility to hire a trusted neighbor, friend, family member or other caregiver as a care provider for the child. Easterseals coordinators help families hire, train and manage payroll for the caregiver.

Day Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

Adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities receive daytime supports according to individualized plans and are funded through the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS). Life Skills Programs (Day Habilitation) cultivate personal independence, communication and social skills, and community integration. Community-based and pre-vocational services provide opportunities for work-based learning, volunteer work and social recreational activities.

Agency With Choice

For those living in their own home or the home of a family member, Easterseals offers Agency With Choice (AWC) to individuals enrolled in the Medicaid Lifespan Waiver through the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. Easterseals assists in accessing annual funds which can be used for in-home respite services, camp services, or personal care.

Recreation at Camp Fairlee

Located in Chestertown, MD, Camp Fairlee is a residential camp that offers recreation experiences for children and adults with disabilities ages six and older, giving caregivers a break. Age-appropriate activities promoting independence and self-confidence are provided. Week-long sessions and year-round weekend respite programs are offered. Nurses provide medication management. Sessions with one-to-one support are available. Find out more by visiting: campfairlee.com



Supported Employment

Adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities who want to work may pursue individual or group supported employment. Easterseals Group Employment offers ongoing supervision and training for individuals earning competitive wages in community employment. Individual Supported Employment includes job coaching and training in competitive community employment with the expectation that the participant will learn to work without close supervision.

Adult Day Services

This program allows seniors and adults with acquired disabilities, such as stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, brain or spinal cord injury, to enjoy education, socialization, and physical fitness activities at Easterseals centers. A full-time nurse monitors health conditions. The day program provides a break to caregivers so they can work or attend to other needs.

Memory Care Program

A safe, caring environment is provided under the supervision of a staff nurse and program administrator so caregivers can experience a day of relief from caregiving.

Personal Attendant Services

This program, funded by the State of Delaware and Delaware Medicaid, provides wages for a trusted neighbor, friend, family member or other caregiver who assist with activities of daily living. Easterseals staff helps with hiring & training attendants and managing payroll.



Early Intervention Services



Early Intervention Services help children learn life skills and overcome challenges.

Children served are ages birth-to-three with a developmental delay or medical diagnosis.

Services include occupational, physical, speech and feeding therapies, Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy and early childhood education.

Value In Early Intervention Services

- Learning basic life skills
- Identify and remediate developmental delays early
- Setting children up for success in school
- Improving social skills



Value to Families and Caregivers

- Equips families with knowledge
- Empowers families to advocate for their child
- Builds strong family relationships
- Eases financial burden of future services

Value to the Community

- Reduces spending on special education services
- Decreases dependence on public assistance as an adult
- Fosters the development of more productive citizens



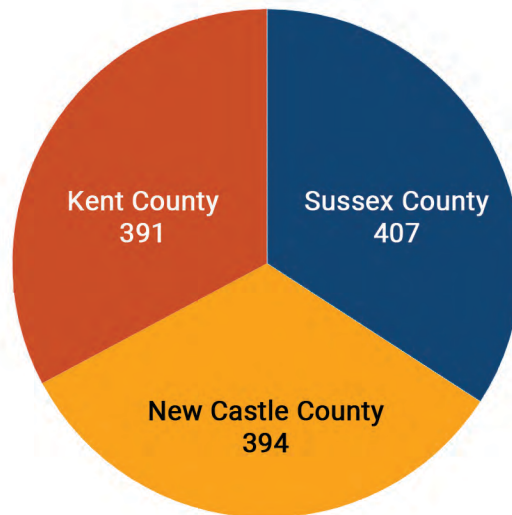
Value to the Child's Future

- Leads to academic success
- Results in higher employability and earnings
- Creates more productive citizens
- Promotes community well-being and vitality

Service in Numbers

Children served in Early Intervention
in Delaware for 2024:

1192



Research Shows*:

For every dollar invested in an early childhood program, seven dollars is saved in future costs.

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Performance Measures

99.7% of families report feeling confident in their ability to help their child's development because of Easterseals.

93% of children made significant progress and closed the gap on their delay when compared to their peers.

“I thought she would never walk. It started with a few steps and now she is running to keep up with her older brothers.”

-Penny's Mom



Subsidy need:



For 2024, Easterseals' Early Intervention Services were underfunded by **\$429,000** (or \$360 per child).

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*The Perry Preschool Project Study

Employment & Life Skills Programs

For Adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

Life Skills

Participants learn daily living skills in a center-based setting and engage in community activities.



Prevocational

This program offers community activities, including work-based learning, volunteer opportunities, and recreation.



Supported Employment

Participants earn competitive wages through either group or individual employment, which includes job coaching and training.



Individuals Served:

436

Individuals*



*some individuals receive more than one service

Life Skills

282

96

Individual
Supported
Employment

80

Prevocational

54

Group Supported
Employment

Value to Individuals with I/DD

- Builds practical life skills to increase independence
- Provides vocational skills training and employment opportunities
- Reduces isolation and increases community engagement
- Develops positive social behaviors and skills
- Teaches self-advocacy skills



Value to Families & Caregivers

- Enables family members & caregivers to go to work
- Gives respite for caregivers, alleviating burnout
- Allows peace of mind that their loved one is receiving appropriate care
- Individuals with I/DD earning wages can contribute to the household

Value in Health Monitoring

- Provides individualized care plans
- Prevents hospitalizations and associated costs
- Promotes Independence in preventative care



Value to the Community

- Creates an inclusive workplace and community
- Community-based services are less costly than an institutional setting
- Employees with I/DD bring value to the workplace by reducing turnover
- Employees with disabilities are an untapped workforce

“Brian loves his job at DSU, but when he isn’t working he loves volunteering at the Modern Maturity Center, all with the support of Easterseals. He’s happy, fits in and wants to give back to the community.”

-Chris, Brian’s Mom

Subsidy need:



Easterseals life skills programs were underfunded by **\$286,461** and Employment Services were underfunded by **\$807,744** in 2024.