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Support children with disabilities to fully participate in the general education preschool setting. An early childhood special education teacher travels to where the student is at (public preschool, daycare, or Head Start programs) to provide special education instruction and support. The EC SPED teacher “pushes in” to the classroom and provides instruction specific to the student’s IEP (Individualized Education Plan) goal, as well as to facilitate and support student’s complete participation in the educational setting.

- Provide guidance and support the child’s family
- Offer indirect/consultation services to the student’s general education teacher to support progress towards IEP goals by coaching, demonstrating, specific techniques
- Collaborate with related ancillary staff to support learning across all settings
- Completes progress reports, monthly logs, contributes to the development of the IEP, and ensures all documents are uploaded

Referral Coordination

Coordinate services for families with children ages 3-5 years old

- Coordinate Meetings / Services (i.e. REED, IEP, Teaming Meeting)
- Connect families with Community Preschool Programs (GSRP, Head Start)
- Case Management for students not in a program

Additional Roles & Responsibilities

- Participate in SAT meetings
- Attend GSRP Countywide Meetings / Data Meetings
- Have knowledge of The HighScope Preschool Curriculum (COR)
- Coordination of Count Day calendars turned into the Pupil Accounting Specialist
- Schedule Transition to Kindergarten IEP meetings with family, appropriate staff, and local district

Why Early Intervention?

Research suggests that early intervention can help close the achievement gap between students with and without disabilities. – Early On Michigan

Resources

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://helpmegrowstjoe.org/>

<https://www.michigan.gov/mileap/early-childhood-education/early-learners-and-care/gsrp>

<https://www.naeyc.org/>

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