The Early Childhood Center (ECC) has been providing relationship based therapeutic services for very young children in the Bronx since 1970. ECC offers interventions for parents and their infants, toddlers and preschool age children with developmental delays and disabilities, emotional and/or behavioral problems. A division of the Rose F. Kennedy Children’s Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center, the Early Childhood Center has access to interdisciplinary evaluations for the children it serves, as well as consultation from a wide array of medical and developmental specialists.

ECC services for children birth to six include:

**Developmental Therapy**
Weekly sessions for children with cognitive and language delays, problems with relatedness, and/or weaknesses in early learning skills assist children with social engagement, language development, symbolic play and pre-academic readiness skills.

**Child-Parent Psychotherapy**
Weekly sessions, including child and parent, assist parents in the management of children’s difficult behaviors, and assist with stressors in the parent-child relationship due to children’s developmental problems, parenting problems, or problems in the social context.

**Children’s Therapy Groups**
Weekly sessions for small groups of preschool and/or kindergarten age children referred for social behavior problems support children’s pro-social behavior and social problem solving skills.

**Parent Support and Information Groups**
Parents are seen together in weekly groups to provide clinician facilitated guidance and information, and for parent-to-parent support, in the context of raising young children with developmental and/or behavioral challenges. The Incredible Years is a specialized 12-week parent program that guides parents in managing children who are highly active, reactive, oppositional or prone to aggressive behavior.

**Special Services for Young Children in Foster Care**
Dyadic sessions with young children and their foster parents and/or biological parents assist caregivers in parenting children with histories of trauma, loss and/or attachment disruption, manifest in children’s developmental delays and/or behavior problems. There is a special parent group for foster and kinship foster care providers. ECC clinicians work in close collaboration with foster agency and court personnel to promote permanency and good outcomes for young children in care.

All clinical services are provided in English and Spanish.
Special Outreach Projects

Preventive Infant Mental Health and Developmental Support in Primary Pediatric Care Early childhood developmental and behavioral specialists provide supports to infants, toddlers and their families in the context of their primary pediatric care practice by screening for developmental and social-emotional concerns, and offering preventive interventions and facilitating referrals as needed.

Preschool Consultation Project
ECC clinicians provide case-related and programmatic consultation to assist staff of preschool programs and childcare centers to support young children with developmental and/or behavioral problems within the context of their early childhood programs, and to provide support services for families.

Parental Mental Health
Psychiatric consultation and intervention, including individual psychotherapy, provided for parents of children seen at ECC who are experiencing mental health problems, as an adjunct to child-parent intervention.

Therapeutic Visiting
ECC staff work with young children in foster care and their biological parent(s) in the context of the families' visits to assist parents in planning visits that meet children's individual needs, build parents' skills in positive behavior management and support nurturing parent-child interactions.

Family Court Consultation Project
ECC clinicians provide consultation to family court judges and children's law guardians to assist court personnel in developing service plans and making decisions that promote and support the developmental and social-emotional well-being of young children who are court involved, including those in foster care.

Internship/Externship Programs
The Early Childhood Center provides full year clinical practicum for graduate students in psychology, social work, child development and early childhood special education. Programs include extensive clinical experience, didactics, seminars and reflective supervision.

Directions:
The Early Childhood Center:
1731 Seminole Avenue
Bronx, New York 10461

Take the #6 train to Westchester Square or the #2/ #5 train to East 180th Street. Take the BX 21 from either train to Seminole Avenue.

The Center for Babies, Toddlers and Families:
1521 Jarret Place/ Frank Lanzilli Walk
Bronx, New York 10461

Take the #6 train to Westchester Square. Take the BX 8 or BX 31 to Silver Street. Walk a 1/2 block to Frank Lanzilli Walk. Second building on your left.

To schedule an appointment, make a referral or for further information please call (718) 430-8900

Clinic Hours
Monday-Friday.................................8:30am-6:00pm