The mission of the Early Childhood Center is to advance the universal design of early education practices that promote school readiness for all children.

The Early Childhood Center is one of seven centers at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Indiana University-Bloomington.

The Center engages in research, program and product development, and community outreach around early education that promotes and enhances school readiness for all children.

Center efforts employ universal design principles to strengthen and enhance the physical, instructional, health, and social-emotional elements of early education that helps all children and their families enter school successfully.

ACTIVITIES: To implement our mission, the Early Childhood Center provides leadership and assistance to agencies, organizations, and communities serving all young children (birth through five years), including children with disabilities, and their families.

Center activities include:

- Synthesizing research literature on evidence-based program policies, service models, and real-world applications;
- Conducting research, program evaluation, and training on applying universal design principles to program policies, service models, and real-world applications;
- Developing and delivering media products that inform and guide early educators, trainers, students, policymakers, families, consumers, and the public.

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