

How to Get More Information

Region 10 ESC provides more information about Noneducational Community Based funds on its website:

<http://www.region10.org/specialeducation/>

You can also find information about contacting the local CRCG (Community Resource Coordination Group). This group provides support to families by coordinating representatives from local agencies that may be able to provide related community services. Together, we problem solve to help families find solutions for their needs.

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/CRCG/crcg.htm>

<http://www.region10.org/specialeducation/CRCG/CRCG.html>

Your local school district is your best source of information if you feel your family could benefit from these services. Contact the Special Education Director for your school district.



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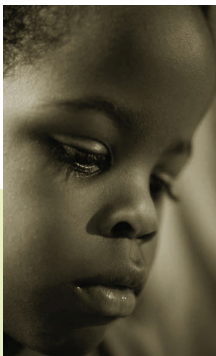


How Can They Help You?

The Purpose of Noneducational Community Based Funds

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Region 10 Education Service Center (Region 10 ESC) seek to support Local Education Agencies (LEA's) and families as they provide for the unique needs of children.

One way of doing this is through the use of **noneducational community-based (NECB) funds**. These funds are used for non-educational support services in the home and allow a student currently in a residential placement due to educational purposes to return home or prevent a student at risk for residential placement due to educational purposes from being placed residentially. The intent of state legislation is for LEA's to provide services that are not allowable purchases through education funds, to help families of this population care for the student, and to enable families to better cope with having an individual with a disability at home.



How Can NECB Funds be Used?

Respite Care* Providing relief to parents and family with intermittent, short-term care on weekends or during school holidays

Attendant Care * Providing outside assistance to parents and family occasionally. These services should be provided to normalize routine family activities, including hours when families must sleep. Attendant care is not allowable for babysitting or to take the place of day care services.



Psychological Consultation Consulting with the student, family, and all persons involved in providing non-educational services, or in causing them to be provided.

The focus of consultation should be to develop a functional family unit. This service excludes medical or treatment-related services.

Management of Leisure Time Working with the student to develop skills that enable the student to entertain him or herself appropriately without adult supervision. This service is closely related to socialization training.

Socialization Training Working with the family to help the student develop appropriate skills and behavior in public. This training is closely related to leisure time management.

Individual Support Preparing the student to be healthy and productive by developing self-esteem.

Family Support Working with the family to develop a functional family unit.

Family Dynamics Training Providing training for the family to determine family values, goals, and expectations (more intensive than family support).

*Students with autism eligible for these services only

Generalization Training Training the student and family to use a behavior management plan outside the structured, educational environment. This training may include modeling appropriate parenting skills.

Peer Support Group Working with a group of students to develop appropriate interaction skills.

Parent Support Group Working with a group of parents to develop appropriate coping and behavior management skills.

How Can NECB Funds

NOT be Used?

- All special education and related services allowable by IDEA in the implementation of a student's IEP (including adaptive equipment, art therapy, corrective therapy, music therapy, orientation and mobility training, school health services, recreation therapy)
- Babysitting (this includes attendant care when no family member is available or caring for a child while the parent is at work)
- Day/Night care exceeding 3 hours in a 24 hour period
- Direct payment to parents
- Equipment
- Food
- Medicine, medical prescriptions, doctor/dentist visits, medication therapy, evaluations
- Remodeling/construction of the student's classroom and/or home
- Sheltered workshop services
- Transportation to any educational service or any service being provided by another public agency

