

## Resources for Families on Suspension and Expulsion

- [Child Care Health Consultants](#) (CCHC): CCHC can provide assistance on health, safety, nutrition, and social-emotional development for ages 0-5 to child care providers and parents/guardians. This includes Connect the Dots training. Connect the Dots includes resources and trainings for caregivers and anyone who works with children ages one to five years old. This universal tool can be used in any setting serving families and children by teaching children how to recognize and express their emotions appropriately.
- [Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist](#): These specialists provide consultation on social, emotional, and behavioral issues to programs that serve children from birth through age five. They can provide training on working with children with social and behavioral needs. Evaluation, assessment, and therapeutic services are available for children from birth to age five.
- [First Steps](#): An early intervention system that provides services to children with developmental disabilities from birth to age three and their families.
- [HANDS](#): The Kentucky Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) program is a voluntary home visitation program for any new or expectant parents. HANDS supports families as they build healthy, safe environments for the optimal growth and development of children.
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Development Milestones](#): Developmental milestones are a list of things children can do by a certain age. If a child is not meeting the milestones in the age-appropriate checklist, talk to your child's doctor and share the concerns.
- [KY Department for Education](#) If you have a three-year old to school-age child, visit the website page on Special Education Services. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the law that gives qualified children with disabilities the right to receive special and related services in public schools. The IDEA applies to children from ages three to 21. Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool. 502-564-4970 X 4103.
- [U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights](#): Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color or national origin in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance
- [Family Resources from the Center on the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning](#): Resources for families on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5.
- [Parenting Essentials](#) from CDC: Helps families and caregivers handle common parenting challenges.
- [Birth to Five: Watch Me Thrive](#): Resources for families on children's developmental and behavioral progress, monitoring, and screening.

### **Tips:**

- Ask your child care provider what their policy is on suspension and expulsion. Programs are strongly encouraged to establish policies to eliminate or limit suspension and expulsion. Read your child care provider's policy about suspension and expulsion. These policies are usually found in a parent/family handbook.
- Visit the [Child Development](#) page on DCC's website for additional resources.
- Work with your child care program to set goals to support the child's social, emotional, and behavioral needs.
- Follow-up to see how the child is doing and if any changes are needed to offer support.
- If you agree that it is best for your child to attend another program, focus on creating a smooth transition.
- Let your child's doctor know about the transition in case your child can benefit from screenings or evaluations.