Sharing early childhood information can support children’s development.

Many federal, state, and local programs support children’s development, as children are touched by different health, education, and social services. When these programs share data they collect, providers can see what other services children receive, and policymakers can judge which interventions—alone or combined—best meet children’s needs.

### Services Share Data

- **Subsidized child care** *(birth to 13)*
  - Financial support for low-income working families to help them access child care services

- **Home visiting** *(prenatal to 5)*
  - In-home support for parents to improve child health and school readiness, and reduce parental stress

- **State preschool** *(3 to 5)*
  - Universal or targeted programs to support children’s language, literacy, math, and social skills development

- **Head Start** *(prenatal to 5)*
  - Education, health, nutrition, and parental involvement supports for low-income children and their families

- **Preschool special education** *(3 to 5)*
  - Supports for children experiencing developmental delays

- **Early intervention** *(birth to 3)*
  - Supports for children experiencing developmental delays

For information on early childhood data sharing in your state, see **2013 State of States’ Early Childhood Data Systems** at ecedata.org.