

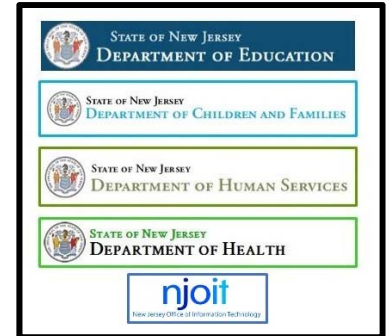
NJ-EASEL

NJ Enterprise Analysis System for Early Learning
An Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS)



The Goal of NJ-EASEL:

NJ-EASEL is New Jersey's Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS), which is a part of New Jersey's Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grant. This exciting initiative brings together the Departments of Education, Children and Families, Human Services and Health in a cross-agency collaboration, supported by the Office of Information Technology. The goal of this project is to integrate early childhood data related to child, family, classroom, program, and workforce characteristics in order to answer critical questions about early care and education programs, and services in New Jersey. Understanding the effectiveness of these programs and services will help to promote and enrich initiatives providing positive outcomes for young children. NJ-EASEL is graphically represented below where the rainbow represents the types of data and the boxes represent the programs, agencies and systems.

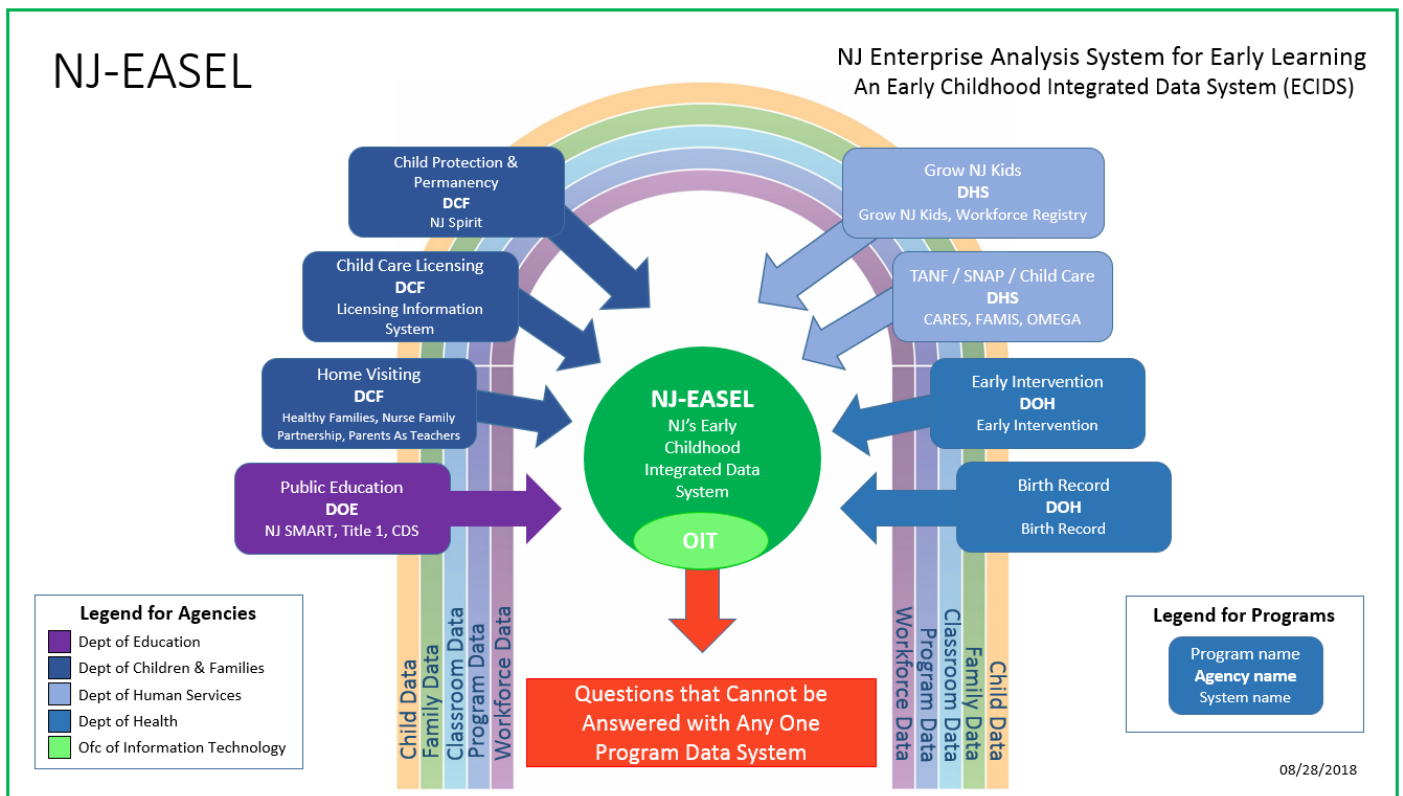


NJ-EASEL is a system to:

- ◆ Measure the impact of programs on the children and families they serve.
- ◆ Help state level staff, local program administrators, providers and teachers engage in continuous program improvement.
- ◆ Enable program administrators to make informed policy decisions.
- ◆ Answer key policy questions that cannot be answered from any individual agency's data system.

Who benefits from NJ-EASEL?

- ◆ Children and Families
- ◆ Teachers, Caregivers and Practitioners
- ◆ Program Administrators
- ◆ Policymakers



What NJ-EASEL is NOT:

- ◆ An infringement on individual privacy or confidentiality, or a way to access or report on child level data.
- ◆ A system that rates, evaluates or ranks a child's performance.
- ◆ A replacement for individual program data systems.