



CHILD FIND

For Children with Disabilities Birth through Age 21 in Middletown

What is Child Find?

Child Find is an ongoing process to identify children between birth through age 21 who may have disabilities and would be eligible for early intervention services or special education and related services.

Infants and Toddlers

The NJ Early Intervention System (NJEIS) provides services for infants and toddlers, age birth to three years of age, with developmental delays and disabilities, and their families.

CDC Developmental Milestones Learn the Signs Act Early visit the website for more information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>

For children birth through age 3 with developmental delays families can refer a child by calling 1-888-653-4463

Preschool Children and Students

If you are concerned your preschool child or student is developing differently, you can call the Middletown Board of Education Department of Student Services at 732-671-3850 ext. 1038.

Who may make a referral for services?

Parents may request an evaluation to determine their child's eligibility for services. However, physicians, nurses, psychologists, social workers and others may make a referral after discussing it with parent.

What kinds of services are available for children from birth through age 3?

Early Intervention Services are provided to children:

- Within the family's routine;
- Within their natural environments (the home and community);
- In settings which children without disabilities participate;
- and with active participation of families
- More information can be found at NJEIS website
www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/eis/index.shtml

What kinds of services are available for children with disabilities ages 3-21?

A free, appropriate public education (FAPE) may include services such as supplementary aids and services or specialized instruction within the general education class or through a resource program or special class in or out-of district.

Are students in private schools eligible for public special education services as well as students in public schools?

Yes. Parents may request an evaluation to determine eligibility of their child through their private school. If eligible, special education and related services may be requested as well. Services may be provided up to the extent that state and federal funding permit. The resident district is responsible, although the services may be provided through the district in which the school is located or by another public agency.

How are the services determined?

An individualized services program (IFSP) for infants and toddlers is developed by the parents and early intervention professionals.

An individualized education program (IEP) is developed for students with disabilities ages 3-21 by the parents, child study team members and teacher. The IEP includes goals and objectives and describes the nature of the program and services to be provided.

RESOURCES

For birth through age three, call:

NJ Early Intervention System 1-888-653-4463
Visiting Nursing Services Central New Jersey
Early Intervention Unit at 732-224-6950.

For ages three through 21:

Contact the Department of Student Services at 732-671-3850 ext. 1038 or your child's local elementary school child study team