
Child Find

Project Child Find is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through 21 years of age. It also develops and distributes information to the public about early intervention services and special education programs throughout New Jersey. The toll-free number for Project Child Find is 800-322-8174.

Infants and Toddlers (Birth to Age 3): If you are concerned your infant or toddler is developing or learning differently, you can call an Early Intervention Service Coordinator. For Cape May County residents, the number to call is 609-465-1202. For Atlantic County residents, the number to call is 609-645-7700, extension 4390. When you call, a service coordinator will talk with you about your concerns and offer referral information if needed. If a developmental evaluation is indicated, the service coordinator will work with you to schedule a multidisciplinary evaluation of your child's developmental levels and needs. This evaluation service is provided at no cost to parents. If appropriate, certain early intervention services may be recommended.

Preschool Children (Ages 3 to 5): If you are concerned that your preschool child is developing or learning differently, you can call the Ocean City Preschool Assessment Person, Ellen Wright, at 609-399-3191, extension 6522. A meeting will be arranged to discuss your concerns and conduct a screening to determine if an evaluation is warranted. If that is the case, and the findings support Special Services, implementation of these recommendations and program planning would be completed with you. Your written consent would be required before any such services would begin. All these services are provided at no cost to parents.

School-Age Students (Ages 5-21): If you are concerned that your school-age child is developing or learning differently, you can talk with your child's school guidance counselor, who may refer the matter to the Intervention and Referral Services Committee (I&RS). You also have the right to request a child study team evaluation for consideration of special education and related services. Any such request would need to be in writing and directed to: Mr. Matthew Carey, Director of Special Services, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226.

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