



## **Project Child Find**

### **Attention Parents of Students in Non-Public Schools**

Is a child in your life developing differently or having problems learning? If so, help is available for eligible children.

The Region V Council for Special Education is sponsoring a **Child Find** public awareness campaign to locate and provide services for unserved/underserved youth, including migrant and homeless children, with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age. Children may exhibit physical, mental, language, or emotional difficulties.

#### **How to Make a Referral**

**1. If your child is 5-21 years of age** - If you would like to request an evaluation for special education classification, send a written request for an evaluation to your school principal. Include your child's name, age, address and suspected disability.

**2. If your child is ages 3-4** that written request must be sent to the special education department in the town where you live.

**3. If your child is under the age of 3** - If your child should be crawling, walking or talking but isn't, call for information about resources and services for your child under age 3. The New Jersey Early Intervention System statewide toll-free number is 1-888-NJ-EI-INFO (1-888-653-4463).

A meeting will then be held with you and a team of evaluators who will decide if an evaluation is needed and what the evaluation will include. They will also review what interventions have already been put in place and by reviewing data will make a determination if the intervention is helping your child or if further interventions are needed prior to an evaluation.

If your child is found eligible for Special Education services, an Individual Service Plan (ISP) will be developed. Please be aware that special education services detailed in an ISP (Individual Service Plan) for students in a non-public school may be limited.

You as a parent also have the right to request and evaluation from the special education department in the town where you live for your child to be eligible for FAPE (Free and Appropriate Public Education). If a child is classified in a public school district, they are entitled to all services needed as per their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

**If you have any questions, please contact the  
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201-986-1414 ext. 314**