

**Saddle River School District**  
**CHILD FIND**  
**For Children with Disabilities Birth through Age 21**

**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.

**What disabilities qualify for services?**

Children with developmental delays or one or more of the following disabilities may be eligible for early intervention programs (EIP) through the Department of Health (from birth through age 2) or special education and related services through your local district (ages three through twenty-one)

Eligible Disability Categories			
Autistic	Deaf-Blindness	Other Health Impaired	Traumatic Brain Injury
Hearing Impairment	Emotionally Disturbed	Preschool Disabled	Visually Impaired
Cognitively Impaired	Multiple Disabilities	Social Maladjustment	
Communication Impaired	Orthopedically Impaired	Specific Learning Disability	

**Where are children evaluated to determine their eligibility for services?**

For children birth through age two with developmental delays, contact Early Intervention Services: 888-653-4463. For children ages 3-21 call Wandell School Department of Special Services: 201-327-0727 ext. 267 or 269.

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

Infants and toddlers and their families may receive services from early intervention programs in those centers or at home. Such services include language development, occupational or physical therapy, mobility training or other services to correct or ameliorate the effects of a disability.

**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, specialized instruction within the general education class or through a resource program or a 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 permits. The resident district is responsible, although the services may be provided through the district in which the private school is located or by another public agency.

**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 the parents. Parental permission to evaluate is required.

**How are the services determined?**

Parents and Early Intervention Program professionals develop an individualized services program (ISP) to address the needs of disabled infants and toddlers.

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

**For birth through age three call: Early intervention Services – 888-653-4463**

**For ages three through twenty one call:**

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