

Special Education Preschool Services

SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL SERVICES

Children from 3 to 5 years old who require specialized early education services are served by their local school districts under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, Part B, reauthorized in 2004).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A child from 3 to 5 years old may be eligible for special education preschool services if the child is determined to have one of the following 14 disabling conditions:

- Autism
- Deafness
- Hearing impairment
- Deaf-blindness
- Vision impairment
- Orthopedic impairment
- Emotional disturbance
- Speech or language impairment
- Specific learning disability
- Mental retardation
- Traumatic brain injury
- Established medical disability
- Other health impairment (including attention deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)
- Multiple disabilities

See the reverse side for more information about developmental evaluation.

HOW ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

If a child is found to be eligible for special education preschool services, the child's educational needs are assessed to determine appropriate services. An educational service plan, called an Individualized Education Program (IEP), is then developed by a team that includes special education teachers, related service providers (for example, speech therapists, occupational therapists), district administrators and the child's parents. The IEP is reviewed and revised every year and remains in effect until the child no longer requires services. Services are provided at no cost to families.

TO REFER A CHILD FOR EVALUATION, CALL YOUR LOCAL CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL

DISTRICT:

Antioch	(925) 779-7500 x53500	Mt. Diablo	(925) 825-0144
Brentwood	(925) 513-6318	Oakley	(925) 625-0700
Byron	(925) 809-7505	Orinda	(925) 254-4901
Canyon	(925) 376-4671	Pittsburg	(925) 473-2414
John Swett	(510) 799-4431 x150	San Ramon	(925) 525-5500
Knightsen	(925) 626-3304	Walnut Creek	(925) 944-6850
Lafayette	(925) 927-3516	West Contra Costa	(510) 233-1955
Martinez	(925) 335-5800 x5910		
Moraga	(925) 377-4105		

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If You Have Concerns About Your Child's Development

You can refer your child to one of the agencies listed on the reverse side, and they will evaluate your child's development to determine if he or she is eligible for Early Start services.

The programs listed below can also provide evaluations of your child's development. Your child's healthcare provider may be able to recommend programs that can evaluate your child as well. Health insurance may cover some or all evaluations -- check with your insurer. You may request an evaluation based on concerns you may have about any aspect of your child's development including vision, hearing, speech and language skills, motor skills, self-help skills, cognitive development (thinking), or social/emotional development. The results of an evaluation may lead to referral to a medical specialist for diagnosis or medical treatment and/or to referral for Early Start services (see reverse side).

When you call, state why you are calling and ask if there is a specific person to whom you should speak. For example, "I am worried about my child's vision (or hearing or development or behavior). Whom can I talk to about my concerns?"

ASSESSMENTS IN MULTIPLE DEVELOPMENTAL AREAS

Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland

Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (510) 428-3351
Speech/Language Center (communication and hearing) Walnut Creek Campus (925) 979-3440
San Ramon Clinic (925) 979-3470

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center

Outpatient Pediatric Rehabilitation Services (510) 204-4599
(for speech/language, motor skills, hearing and behavior/mental health evaluations)

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, Clinic for ASD & ADHD Diagnostics (925) 370-5490
(for children with any neurodevelopmental issues; Contra Costa Health Plan or full-scope Medi-Cal)

ASSESSMENTS OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

If your child has MediCal, ask your child's healthcare provider, medical plan or Public Health Nurse for a referral

Contra Costa Health Services, Appointments at health centers (800) 495-8885

California Children Services (for children with eligible medical conditions) (925) 957-2680

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Early Childhood Mental Health Program (West County) (510) 412-9200

Lynn Center (East County) (925) 625-4918

We Care Mental Health Services (Central County) (925) 671-0777

VISION ASSESSMENTS

Blind Babies Foundation (510) 446-2229

University of California, School of Optometry

Meredith Morgan University Eye Center (510) 642-2020
Web site: www.caleye-care.org

HEARING AND COMMUNICATION (SPEECH AND LANGUAGE) ASSESSMENTS

California State University East Bay (Hayward Campus), Center for Communicative Disorders
Speech, Hearing and Language Clinic (510) 885-3241

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