

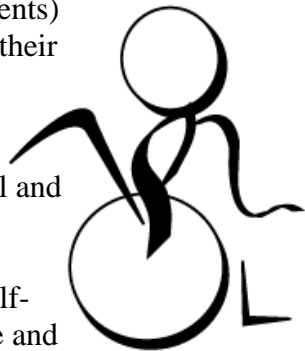


**P**erhaps you think the doors of education are closed to your child. It is never too early or too late to explore a child's educational opportunities. If you suspect an infant, child or young adult of having a developmental delay or disability, your school can open a window of hope for a brighter future.

**E**ach child is unique and all have the right to an education, but some have special needs or concerns when it comes to learning. Services at no cost to the family are available to all eligible individuals from 3 through 21 years of age (starting at birth for auditory and visual impairments) regardless of the severity of their disability.

**L**earning experiences encourage intellectual, social and emotional growth.

Children develop self-confidence and the ability to get along with others. Every child has the capacity to learn, to develop and to grow his or her full potential.



**D**o you know a child who may be in need of special education services?

**D**oes the child demonstrate problems or difficulties in any of the following areas?

### LANGUAGE/SPEECH

- Has difficulty pronouncing words
- Difficulty being understood by others
- Limited speaking skills
- Has difficulty or does not respond when spoken to
- Does not babble, coo or talk

### HEARING

- Inappropriate or no response to sound
- Chronic ear problems
- Pulls ear

### VISION

- Unable to see things close up and/or far away
- Avoids eye contact
- Unable to follow objects
- Unable to focus on objects
- Unable to recognize objects/people
- Squints eyelids together
- Rubs eyes often



### COGNITIVE/ MENTAL

Does not understand directions or

- instructions
- Does not play or relate to others
- Does not identify common objects

### MOTOR/PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Uneven or no movement
- Shows no interest in toys
- Physically overactive or passive
- Clumsy, makes lots of mistakes
- Limited strength, vitality or alertness

### BEHAVIOR

- Restless
- Need for constant movement
- No understanding of real dangers
- Experiences drastic mood swings

### SELF HELP

Children develop at different rates. Most children will show steps toward independence during toddler years.

**Some concerns may be:**

- Does not try to feed self
- Rarely expresses wants or desires
- Shows little or no independence
- Gives up too easily
- Depends on others to care for personal needs.

