

IRVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Project Child Find

Project Child Find is a referral and awareness service of the New Jersey Department of Education to help identify un-served children, birth to twenty-one years of age.

Infants and Toddlers (Birth to Three)

If you are concerned that your infant or toddler is developing or learning differently, you can call an Early Intervention Service Coordinator. The Early Intervention Service Coordinator in Essex County can be reached at 973-395-8836. When you call, a Service Coordinator will describe services and other resources that may be available for you and your family. The Early Intervention Service Coordinator may arrange for your child to have a Developmental Evaluation at no cost to you. The evaluation will determine if your child is eligible for Early Intervention Services. Early Intervention Services can help meet your child’s developmental needs.

Early Intervention Services are provided to children:

- Aligned with the family’s routine
- Within their natural environment (home and community)
- In settings which children without disabilities participate
- With active participation of families

Preschool Children and Students (Three through Twenty-One)

If you are concerned about your preschool child or student developing differently, you can call your Public School District or County Supervisor of Child Study Teams to find the appropriate person in your District to contact.

County Supervisor of Child Study Teams – Essex County (973) 621-2750

The County Supervisor, Ms. Jolie Battista, will refer you to your District’s Department of Special Education Services. Someone there will assist you with any questions you may have.

If you would like an evaluation for Special Education and Related Services, a written request must be made to Irvington’s Director of Special Services, Patricia Dowd, 1324 Springfield Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey 07111 (973-399-6800 Extension 1920). Include your **child’s name, age, current school and suspected or known disability**. After receiving your written request, the Director of Special Education Services will send a letter to you verifying receipt of your request. (The Child Study Team will have twenty days to arrange a meeting with you the parent.) At that time you and the Team will determine what evaluations should be conducted.

To the maximum extent appropriate preschoolers and students with disabilities receive their education with their non-disabled peers.

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WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Children, birth to age 21 with special health care needs can be referred to Special Child Health Case Management Units (SCHS-CMUs).
<http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/sch/sccase.shtml>.

Call The Department of Special Services at 973-399-6800 x1920 with any questions or concerns.



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