

Notice to Parents/Guardians

Public Act 198 of 1971, the Mandatory Special Education Act, establishes the right of persons with disabilities, from birth through age 25, to equal opportunity within the public schools. This means that children with disabilities do not need to wait until they are school age to benefit from special education services. It is important that help be obtained for those with disabilities at the earliest possible age. In the State of Michigan, this help is free and is available through your public schools. A team of educational specialists evaluate the child to determine the type and degree of disability and the best kind of program placement. The evaluation often includes medical specialists. Preprimary Special Education services are available for the Mentally Impaired, Emotionally Impaired, Physically and Otherwise Health Impaired (POH), Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Speech and Language Impaired, and Specific Learning Disabled. If you have, or know of, a preschool age child who may benefit from these services, please contact:

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