## **Project Child Find**

## Parents:

Do you have a preschooler experiencing significant difficulties with speech and language, fine motor skills, gross motor skills or behavior? Is he/she struggling to learn the basic early concepts? Is your school age child struggling with reading or math? Does your child have difficulty with writing tasks or written expression?

Project Child Find was established by the New Jersey Sate Department of Education as a free public awareness and referral service to assist parents and professionals by identifying available early intervention programs and services for infants and toddlers through two years of age and free, appropriate public education programs and services for pupils who are disabled three through twenty one years of age. Parents or other appropriate persons may refer children who are experiencing significant difficulties.

BABIES FROM BIRTH TO AGE 3 who are thought to have developmental delays may receive assistance from the Early Intervention Program. To access these services, parents should contact The ARC, Warren County Chapter, Inc. For more information, please contact us at 908-689-4542 or email: jpratt@arcwarren.org

**CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 5** who are experiencing physical, sensory, emotional, communication and cognitive and/or social difficulties may be eligible for special education and related services through their local Child Study Team. Parents should contact the Knowlton Twp. Elementary School Child Study Team office at 475-5118 ext. 208 or 114 for further information.

IF PARENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL AGE CHILD'S PROGRESS, they should feel free to discuss such issues with their child's teacher and/or principal at 475-5118. Parents have the option of making a referral to the I & RS Team, or Interventions and Referral Services Team. I & RS team offers intervention procedures that are provided within the regular education school program. At times more extensive interventions are necessary to assist the student. If the decision is to undertake a full Child Study Team evaluation the child's social, emotional and academic status may be assessed. Medical or other specialized evaluations may also be included at no cost to the parent. If a child is determined to be eligible for special education and related services, an IEP or Individual Education Plan will be developed. The IEP will include a rationale for the student's educational placement and the basis for the program implementation.

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