



Does My Pre-School Aged Child Need Assistance?

A Helpful Evaluation Tool for Parents/Guardians of Children Aged 3-5



Some children are born with or may develop physical or mental conditions which may delay their normal growth and development and which may lead to an educational disability.

Many of these problems can be helped or corrected if parents/guardians recognize the problem early and seek help from the state and their school district.

On the second page/reverse of this notice is a checklist that can be used to help evaluate your child's development.

We encourage you to use it to help you understand if your child may be eligible for services and if he/she could benefit from assistance.

After completion of this evaluation, or if you have any questions, you may wish to arrange for a free Pre-School **intake conference** in order to determine if a special preschool handicapped program would benefit your child.

For more information please contact:

Project Child Find Office
Jackson School District
Special Education Office & Child Study Team
(732) 833-4605

For Children Younger Than 3:

If your child should be crawling, walking or talking, but isn't, Project Child Find can help. Project CHILD FIND is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of un-served/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age.

Please view the Project Child Find Fact Sheet and information on this page. You can also call for information about resources and services for your child under age 3. **Statewide, toll-free (888) 653-4463**. Or call the district at 732-833-4605.

For Children Aged 3 Through 21:

The Jackson School District is committed to locating, identifying and evaluating all students living in Jackson who may be in need of special education and related services, regardless of the severity of their disabilities (in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 143.3).

If you believe your child may need assistance, please visit the Special Education Page on our district website www.jacksonsd.org or contact the **Jackson School District Child Study Team for more information at 732-833-4605**.

This checklist can be used to help evaluate your child's development. If you see that your child is lacking in any of these areas, he/she may be eligible for services or assistance.

SEEING

- Is often unable to locate and pick up small objects which have been dropped.
- Frequently rubs eyes or complains that his/hers eyes hurt.
- Has reddened, watering or encrusted eyelids.
- Holds head in a strained or awkward position (tilts head from side to side - thrusts head forward or backward) when trying to look at a particular person or object.
- Sometimes or always crosses one or both eyes.

HEARING

- Does not respond to common indoor (telephone) or outside sounds (car).
- Has a frequent ear infection(s).
- Talks in a very loud or soft voice.

PLAYING

- Does not play near other children or join them briefly in play by age three.
- Can not imitate parents doing routine house chores by age three.
- Does not enjoy playing alone with toys, pots and pans, and sand by age three.
- Does not play group games such as hide and seek, tag ball, etc. with other children by age four.
- Does not share or take turns by age five.

TALKING

- Can not say his/her first name by age three.
- Can not ask "what" questions by age three.
- Is unable to repeat common rhymes or TV jingles by age three.
- Is unable to talk in short sentences by age four.
- Is not understood by people outside of the family by age five.

THINKING

- Does not understand simple directions by age three.
- Is unable to associate functional use of familiar objects (as in spoon for eating) by age three.
- Does not understand simple stories told or read by age three.
- Does not give reasonable answers to questions like "what do you do when you are sleepy?", by age four.
- Does not seem to understand the meaning of the words "today," "tomorrow", "yesterday" by age five.

MOVING

- Is not able to kick a ball by age three.
- Does not run by age three.
- Is not able to balance on one foot for a short time by age three.