

PUBLIC NOTICE

Child Find Efforts

to Determine Eligibility for Special Education Services

Public school systems in Georgia offer comprehensive Special Education services to eligible students ages three through 21 years. Children from birth to age three with disabilities will be referred to appropriate agencies for services. All referrals are considered confidential, and services are provided at no cost. The parent, legal guardian, or surrogate parent retains the right to refuse services and is provided other procedural safeguards under federal and state law. Public school services include screening in the area of suspected disabilities, such as hearing, motor skills, speech, language and general development. Evaluations in the schools are provided for several areas of suspected disabilities, including learning disabilities, speech and language development, physical impairments, vision or hearing problems, intellectual delays, emotional disturbances, autism/pervasive developmental disorders, health problems or traumatic brain injuries. A free, appropriate, public education with full continuum of services is available for all eligible children and for those students who are home schooled or enrolled in private schools and preschools, including religious schools. For more information concerning eligibility criteria and referral procedures, please call the Office of Special Education in your local school system @ 912.437.8862. The staff can answer questions or direct your call to the appropriate person. All referrals are considered confidential. The parent or legal guardian retains the right to refuse services and other procedural safeguards under federal and state law.