

# Special Education Preschool Services

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL SERVICES

Children from 3 to 5 years old who require specialized early education services are served by their local school districts under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, Part B, reauthorized in 2004).

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A child from 3 to 5 years old may be eligible for special education preschool services if the child is determined to have one of the following 14 disabling conditions:

- Autism
- Deafness
- Hearing impairment
- Deaf-blindness
- Vision impairment
- Orthopedic impairment
- Emotional disturbance
- Speech or language impairment
- Specific learning disability
- Mental retardation
- Traumatic brain injury
- Established medical disability
- Other health impairment (including attention deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)
- Multiple disabilities

**See the reverse side for more information about developmental evaluation.**

### HOW ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

If a child is found to be eligible for special education preschool services, the child's educational needs are assessed to determine appropriate services. An educational service plan, called an Individualized Education Program (IEP), is then developed by a team that includes special education teachers, related service providers (for example, speech therapists, occupational therapists), district administrators and the child's parents. The IEP is reviewed and revised every year and remains in effect until the child no longer requires services. Services are provided at no cost to families.

### TO REFER A CHILD FOR EVALUATION, CALL YOUR LOCAL CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Antioch (925) 706-5313  
Brentwood (925) 513-6318  
Byron (925) 809-7505  
Canyon (925) 376-4671  
John Swett (510) 245-4300 x110  
Knightsen (925) 625-0073  
Lafayette (925) 927-3516  
Martinez (925) 335-5917  
Moraga (925) 377-4105

Mt. Diablo (925) 825-0144  
Oakley (925) 625-7060  
Orinda (925) 258-6216  
Pittsburg (925) 473-2340  
San Ramon (925) 820-6815  
Walnut Creek (925) 944-6850 x123  
West Contra Costa (510) 233-1955



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# If You Have Concerns About Your Child's Development

You can refer your child to your local school district (see list on the reverse side), and your district will evaluate your child to determine if he or she is eligible for special education services.

The programs listed below can also provide evaluations of your child's development. Your child's healthcare provider may be able to recommend programs that can evaluate your child as well. Health insurance may cover some or all evaluations -- check with your insurer. You may request an evaluation based on concerns you may have about any aspect of your child's development including vision, hearing, speech and language skills, motor skills, self-help skills, cognitive development (thinking), or social/emotional development. The results of an evaluation may lead to referral to a medical specialist for diagnosis or medical treatment and/or to referral for special education services (see reverse side).

When you call, state why you are calling and ask if there is a specific person to whom you should speak. For example, "I am worried about my child's vision (or hearing or development or behavior). Whom can I talk to about my concerns?"

## ASSESSMENTS IN MULTIPLE DEVELOPMENTAL AREAS

### **Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland**

Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

(510) 428-3351

Speech/Language Center (communication and hearing)

(510) 428-3545

### **Alta Bates Summit Medical Center**

Pediatric Outpatient Program

(510) 204-4599

(for speech/language, motor skills, hearing and behavior/mental health evaluations)

### **Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, Clinic for ASD & ADHD Diagnostics**

(925) 370-5490

(for children with any neurodevelopmental issues; Contra Costa Health Plan or full-scope Medi-Cal)

## ASSESSMENTS OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

### **Child Health and Disability Prevention Program**

If you have health insurance for your child

(800) 495-8885

If you do not have health insurance for your child

(925) 313-6150

### **Contra Costa Health Services, Appointments at Health Centers**

(800) 495-8885

### **California Children Services (for children with physically disabling conditions)**

(925) 313-6100

## SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL/BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENTS

### **Early Childhood Mental Health Program (West County )**

(510) 412-9200

### **Lynn Center (East County)**

(925) 439-9628

### **We Care Mental Health Services (Central County)**

(925) 685-0207

## VISION ASSESSMENTS

### **Blind Babies Foundation**

(510) 446-2229

### **University of California, School of Optometry**

Meredith Morgan University Eye Center

(510) 642-2020

Web site: [www.caleyecare.org](http://www.caleyecare.org)

## HEARING AND COMMUNICATION (SPEECH AND LANGUAGE) ASSESSMENTS

### **California State University East Bay (Hayward Campus), Center for Communicative Disorders**

Speech, Hearing and Language Clinic

(510) 885-3241



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