

# Identifying Children with Disabilities Ages Birth to 21

The State of Maryland, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), affirmatively attempts to **locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities at no cost to families.**

The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating infants and toddlers ages **birth to 3** is the responsibility of the Infants and Toddlers Program in each Maryland jurisdiction. Infants and toddlers with delays or disabilities may be eligible for **early intervention services.** These services are designed to enhance a child's potential for growth and development and to promote the ability of families to meet the special needs of their children.

The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating children ages **3 to 21** is the responsibility of the local school system in each Maryland jurisdiction. Children with disabilities in this age range may be eligible for **special education** and related services (for example, speech therapy, physical therapy, or occupational therapy).

**Call us** for more information on early intervention and special education services in Maryland: **1-800-535-0182.**

## Family Support Services For Families of Children With Disabilities Ages Birth-21

Maryland has Family Support Services Coordinators in each jurisdiction that assist families of children with disabilities ages birth to 21. A directory of Family Support Services is on the Web at [www.mdecgateway.org](http://www.mdecgateway.org). If you need further assistance or information about identifying children with disabilities, call us.

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# Are you concerned about how your child sees, hears, moves, plays, talks, learns, or behaves?



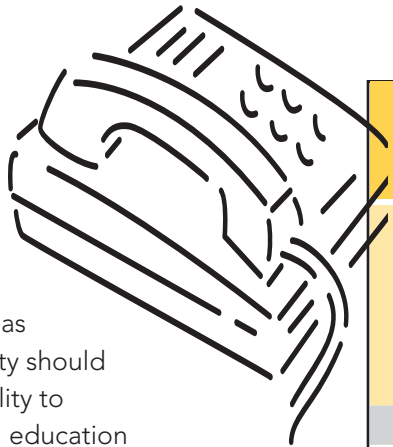
- Did you know your child **age birth to 21** may be eligible for **screening and evaluation** if you feel your child may have a disability or delay?

**Call us!**  
**1-800-535-0182**



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# Referring a Child For Screening and Evaluation



Anyone who suspects that a child has a developmental delay or a disability should refer that child to determine eligibility to receive early intervention or special education and related services (for example, speech, physical or occupational therapies).

Referrals for screening and evaluation may be made for any child presently living in Maryland, regardless of whether the child attends a public or private school, is educated at home, is homeless, a migrant, or a ward of the state. Even children who receive passing grades and who are advancing from grade to grade in school may be eligible for services.

## If you suspect a child has a delay or disability, call us!

Call the appropriate referral number for the child's age and the jurisdiction in which the child lives. (Referral numbers are listed on the opposite page.) For assistance or more information, contact the Maryland State Department of Education Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services toll free at 1-800-535-0182.

Local Referral Numbers in Maryland		
Local Jurisdiction	For Ages Birth-3 Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program "Single Point of Entry"	For Ages 3-21 Local School Systems In Maryland "Child Find"
Allegany County	301-689-0466	301-759-2082
Anne Arundel County	410-222-6911	410-766-6662
Baltimore City	410-396-1666	443-984-1011
Baltimore County	410-887-2169	410-887-3017
Calvert County	410-414-7034	410-535-7388
Caroline County	410-479-3246	410-479-3246
Carroll County	410-876-4437 ext. 277	410-751-3295 or 410-751-3033
Cecil County	410-996-5444	410-996-5444
Charles County	301-609-6808	301-753-1745
Dorchester County	410-221-1111 ext. 1023	410-221-1111 ext. 1023
Frederick County	301-600-1612	301-644-5292 or 301-644-5276
Garrett County	301-334-1189	301-334-7655
Harford County	410-638-3823	410-638-4386 or 410-638-4387
Howard County	410-313-7017	410-313-7046
Kent County	410-778-1350	410-778-7164
Montgomery County	240-777-3997	301-947-6050
Prince George's County	301-265-8415	301-808-2719 or 301-817-3147
Queen Anne's County	410-758-0720 ext. 356	410-758-2403 ext. 182
Somerset County	410-623-2037	410-651-1616
St. Mary's County	301-475-4393	301-475-5511 ext. 213
Talbot County	410-820-0319	410-820-8263
Washington County	301-766-8217	301-766-2964
Wicomico County	410-677-5250	410-677-5250
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