

CHILD FIND

Child Find can help if you think your child has a delay in any area of development. Child Find assists families of children (age three years and older) who may have special needs by helping them find services to reach their full potential. For more information regarding a referral to the Child Find program through your local school district, please follow these steps:

1. Call the school district where you live or 1-866-SC-Find-1.
2. Tell them that you have a concern about your child (for example, with their walking, talking, behavior, or learning), and you would like more information regarding an evaluation for him/her.

PRESCHOOL TRANSITION

For families who are receiving early intervention services for their child with differing abilities, at least six months before the child turns three, the BabyNet Service Coordinator will assist the family in planning a move to the next service provider or agency serving the child. This can change where and how services are provided. In early intervention, this change is called transition. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires a written plan for this transition. A transition plan meeting must take place at least 90 days before the child turns three. The transition meeting will identify special education or community-based services the child may need.

Your BabyNet Service Coordinator will ask you to sign a permission form so the next agency or service provider can be contacted to plan for transition. A meeting between the family, the BabyNet Service Coordinator, service provider(s), and the local school district will be set up.

A team, including school district personnel and the parent(s), will determine if the child is eligible for preschool special education services. They will discuss the results of their assessments with the family and give them information about their rights. If the child is eligible, the services will be provided through an Individual Education Program (IEP).

The BabyNet Service Coordinator will assist the family in planning a move to other possible services if the child is not eligible for special education preschool services.



Tips for the Transition Meeting:



- Gather as much information as possible about the proposed change.
- Ask about possible program options or choices.
- Ask what training and supports the new program offers families.
- Visit the new program before the change.
- Ask for written materials and learn the procedures for entering and participating in the new program.
- Provide as much information about the child as possible to the new program.
- Remember, parents are equal members of their child's team.