

## **Child Find Program**

*Child Find*, required of all New Jersey public school districts, is a free public service to assist parents and professionals, through a community-wide effort, to locate and assist any child between ages 3-21 in need of free appropriate public education and special education programs and services.

We work with parents, professionals and community members to identify children between three- and five-years old, who may require services for disabilities and developmental delays. We also work to identify and refer infants and toddlers through two years of age to free available early intervention programs and services.

### **What are common concerns that parents have about their child's development?**

- Difficulty walking or running
- Appears clumsy when handling small objects
- Uses speech that is difficult to understand
- Avoids playing with other children
- Does not respond to familiar sounds
- Talks only in very short sentences by 4 years
- Has difficulty identifying common objects by 3 years
- Has behavior that is very active, unusual or difficult to manage
- Has difficulty learning new things
- Has difficulty answering questions
- Has difficulty following directions

### **Do you have questions about your child's development?**

If you do, we are here to help!

You may wish to speak to a Child Study Team member to discuss your concerns. The Child Study Team is comprised of a Psychologist, Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant, a Social Worker and a Speech and Language Specialists. Together, you and the Child Study Team can decide the need for an evaluation to determine if your child is eligible for special education services.

### **Who do you contact for more information?**

Please contact Ms. Margaret Crisafulli, Director of Student Services, for the Princeton Public Schools' Office of Student Services at 609/806-4206.

Don't hesitate! Early identification of problems can help your child before he or she enters Kindergarten.