



*Providing Free Special Services
to Preschool Children
in Benton, Madison and Washington
Counties*

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WHAT ARE EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES?

Early Childhood Special Education Services are activities designed to enhance the development of the preschool child and provide experiences in one or more of the following areas:

- talking
- learning
- seeing
- walking
- hearing
- behavior

These are special services individually planned to prepare the child for future school success.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A child may be eligible for special services if he/she is age 3 through 5 and is experiencing difficulties which interfere with normal development in these areas:

- speech/language
- vision
- hearing
- motor skills
- behavioral/social skills
- self help skills
- problem solving skills
- cognition/readiness skills

WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

The following services are provided as needed at no cost to the family:

- screening
- evaluation
- preschool instruction
- speech/language therapy
- physical/occupational therapy
- family training
- other appropriate services



HOW ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

Services are provided through a free and appropriate public education which may include:

- interaction with peers who are developing normally
- coordination with other agencies
- one or more program options
 - public school based classrooms
 - public or private preschool
 - itinerant based, i.e., speech/language therapy
 - specialized day service center
 - home based instruction
 - hospital/residential instruction



WHO CAN YOU CONTACT FOR SERVICES?

To find out what programs are available for a preschool child 3 through 5 years of age who is experiencing difficulties contact:

- your local school district
- your local Early Childhood Program at the Education Service Cooperative
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REMEMBER: The earlier you recognize your child's special needs and seek help, the better the possibilities are for your child to improve or overcome the problem.