

# Child Find and How to Refer – Age 0-3

## What is Child Find?

Child Find requires school districts to have a way of identifying and evaluating children who may need special education and related services. All children with disabilities who live in the State, no matter how severe their disability is, who need special education and related services, need to be identified, located, and evaluated. This includes children with disabilities who are homeless, or are wards of the State, and children with disabilities who go to public or private schools.



## How to Refer your Child Ages 0-3



When an infant or toddler is suspected of having a developmental delay, is behind on their milestones, acts in a way you suspect may not be normal for their age, or has been diagnosed with a special health care need, they may be referred to the local Infants and Toddlers Program. Anyone can make a referral, including parents, doctors, teachers, or a social service provider. Once a referral is made, the local Infants and Toddlers Program staff will call your family to talk about what to do next, explain your rights as a family, begin to listen to your concerns, and schedule a screening or evaluation to decide if your child is eligible for help. Numbers for the local Infants and Toddlers Program are on the next page.

## What happens after I make a referral?

After referring your child, you will be contacted by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) Facilitator, an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) Facilitator, or other school staff member from a local school to schedule a screening meeting. In a screening meeting, the team will review all information about your child including any information you give them from doctors, childcare providers, or teachers. When possible, bring your child to the meeting to do the activities. When evaluations are done, the team (including you) will meet to talk about the results of evaluations and decide your child's eligibility for special education and related services. If eligible, the team will develop an IFSP or IEP best for your child.



## Age Birth to 3 MD Infants and Toddlers “Single Point of Entry”

- Allegany County **301-759-2415**
- Anne Arundel County **410-222-6911**
- Baltimore City **410-396-1666**
- Baltimore County **410-809-2169**
- Calvert County **443-550-8405**
- Caroline County **410-479-3246**
- Carroll County **410-876-4437 ext. 2277**
- Cecil County **410-996-5444**
- Charles County **301-609-6808**
- Dorchester County **410-228-4747 ext. 1023**
- Frederick County **301-600-1612**
- Garrett County **301-334-7658**
- Harford County **410-638-3823**
- Howard County **410-313-7017**
- Kent County **410-778-7164**
- Montgomery County **240-777-3997**
- Prince George’s County **301-925-6627**
- Queen Anne’s County **443-262-4456**
- Somerset County **410-623-2037**
- St. Mary’s County **301-475-5511 ext. 32223**
- Talbot County **410-822-0330 ext. 150**
- Washington County **301-766-8217**
- Wicomico County **410-677-5250**
- Worcester County **410-632-5033**
- Maryland School for the Blind **410-444-5000**
- Maryland School for the Deaf **410-480-4545**

Sources: [A Family Guide to Early Intervention Services in Maryland](#) and [Federal Child Find Mandate](#)