Early Childhood

Child Find and How to Refer – Age 0-3

What is Child Find?



Child Find is a mandate that requires school districts to identify and evaluate 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;
- Has been diagnosed with a special heath 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. Numbers for local Infants and Toddlers contacts are on the next page; you can also refer online at referral.mditp.org

What happens after I make a referral?

1. Once a referral is made, local Infants and Toddlers Program staff will call your family to talk about what to do next, explain your rights as a family, listen to your concerns, and schedule a screening or evaluation to decide if your child is eligible for help.
2. Screening and evaluation may take place in your home, or you may be asked to bring your child to a specific location.
3. When evaluations are done, the team (including you) will meet to talk about the results and determine your child's eligibility for early intervention services.
4. If eligible, the team will develop an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) designed to meet the needs of your child and family.



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**
Tabolt 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