

# 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 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. Numbers for local Infants and Toddlers contacts are on the next page; you can also refer online at [referral.mditp.org](http://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
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](#)