

# Project Child Find

A Free Referral Service

**1-800-322-8174**

All Calls Are Confidential | Toll-Free

Do you have concerns about your  
child's development? **Call us!**



For more information about  
Special Education in NJ visit

[www.nj.gov/education/specialed](http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed)

*For children ages Birth through 2 years  
Contact the New Jersey Early Intervention System*

**888-653-4463**



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## **New Jersey Project Child Find**

***Project Child Find*** is a process mandated by the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004*, the federal regulations that dictate how each state provides special education services. This program requires that local school districts assist with the identification of children from age 3 through 21, who may be developing or learning differently.

***Infants and Toddlers*** (Birth to Age 3): The provision of identification and intervention services to children from birth to age 3 resides with the County Early Intervention Program. If you are concerned that your infant or toddler is developing or learning differently, you should contact the New Jersey state-wide Early Intervention system referral center at the below toll-free phone number.

**New Jersey Project Child Find Information Flyer**

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**New Jersey Early Intervention System Referral Center**

888-653-4463

**For more information, please visit the New Jersey Early Intervention**

**website:** <http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/eis>

When you call, an intake specialist will talk with you about your concerns and offer referral information for Atlantic County if needed. If a developmental evaluation is indicated, the service coordinator will work with you to schedule a multidisciplinary evaluation of your child's developmental levels and needs. This evaluation service is provided at no cost to parents. If appropriate, certain Early Intervention services may be recommended and provided through the New Jersey Early Intervention system.

**Local School District Responsibility for Child Find (Children ages 3-21) :**

**Preschool Children (Ages 3 to 5):** If you are concerned that your preschool age child is developing or learning differently, you can call the Atlantic City Public Schools, Department of Special Services, preschool team at 609-343-7200 x4913 . After submitting a written request for an evaluation by the Child Study Team, a meeting will be arranged with you to discuss your concerns and decide if an evaluation is warranted. If that is the case and an evaluation is conducted, you will be invited to participate in another meeting to discuss the findings. This meeting will address whether the findings support your child’s eligibility for special education and related services and if so, recommendations for intervention options and program planning would be completed with you. Your written consent is required before any such services would begin. All these services are provided at no cost to parents.

**School-Age Students (Ages 5-21):** If you are concerned that your school-age child is developing or learning differently, you should speak with your child’s school guidance counselor or principal, who may refer the matter to the Intervention and Referral Services Committee at your child’s school. You also have the right to request a Child Study Team evaluation for consideration of your child’s eligibility for special education and related services.

**All requests for evaluations need to be submitted in writing and directed to either your child's building principal or the school Child Study Team**

Uptown School Complex Pennsylvania Ave.	Chelsea Heights Sovereign Ave Richmond Ave. Brighton Ave Preschool	New York Ave Texas Ave Dr. MLK	Atlantic City High School
Sindy Troche 609-343-7200 x4900 <a href="mailto:stroche@acboe.org">stroche@acboe.org</a> 323 Madison Ave Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Tina Petinga 609-343-7200 x4913 <a href="mailto:tpitinga@acboe.org">tpitinga@acboe.org</a> 111 N. Sovereign Ave. Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Danielle Barkley 609-343-7200 x6913 <a href="mailto:dbarkley@acboe.org">dbarkley@acboe.org</a> 411 N. New York Ave. Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Jamie Levai 609-343-7200 x2187 <a href="mailto:jlevai@acboe.org">jlevai@acboe.org</a> 1400 N. Albany Ave. Atlantic City, NJ 08401

An additional source of assistance would be the Atlantic County Supervisor of Child Study: **Mrs. Melissa Jackson**, Atlantic County Office of Education, 6260 Old Harding Highway, NJ 08330, 609-625-0004.