



Child Find

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The New Jersey State Department of Education has established "Child Find", a free public awareness and referral service, to assist families, professionals and interested individuals by identifying available early intervention, preschool children with disabilities, and special education programs and services throughout the state.

As part of the federal Child Find requirement, the South Orange & Maplewood School District (SOMSD) makes efforts to seek and identify children with disabilities who are entitled to Special Education services. If your child currently receives Early Intervention (for children ages 0 to the child's third birthday), your Early Intervention coordinator will facilitate a referral to the SOMSD with your consent, prior to your child turning three.

For families living in South Orange and Maplewood, the district provides free appropriate public education (FAPE) to eligible pupils ages 3 through 21. We urge parents/guardians concerned about their child's suspected or known disability to write a referral letter requesting an evaluation. Referral letters should be emailed to:

Assistant Superintendent of Special Services
referrals@somsd.k12.nj.us

Please include your name and contact information, your child's name and date of birth, your concerns, and any other relevant information.

For more information, please call the Department of Special Services at 973-762-5600 x1840.