



## **Project Child Find**

# **Attention Parents of Students Parentally Placed in a Nonpublic School**

Is a child in your life developing differently or having problems learning? If so, help is available for eligible children.

The Region V Council for Special Education is sponsoring a **Child Find** public awareness campaign for its' member Districts to locate and provide services for unserved/underserved youth, including migrant and homeless children, with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age. Children may exhibit physical, cognitive, language, or emotional difficulties.

### **How to Make a Referral and Request Help-**

**1. If your child is ages 5-21** - If you would like to request an evaluation complete a 407-1 or 407-1NR form and submit to your school principal or director of special education. These referrals are made to the school your child attends. This form can be obtained from your child's school.

**2. If your child is ages 3-4-** The written request for an evaluation must be sent to the special education department in the town where you live.

**3. If your child is under the age of 3** - If your child should be crawling, walking or talking but isn't, call for information about resources and services for your child under age 3. The New Jersey Early Intervention System statewide toll-free number is 1-888-NJ-EI-INFO (1-888-653-4463).

A meeting will then be held with you and a team of professionals who will decide if an evaluation is needed. They will review what interventions have already been put in place by your child's school and determine if further interventions are needed. The team including you will review data from the interventions and will make a determination if the intervention is helping your child or if further evaluations are needed.

If your child is evaluated and found eligible for Special Education Services (including Eligible for Speech), an Individual Service Plan (ISP) will be developed. Please be aware that special education services detailed in an ISP (Individual Service Plan) for students in a non-public school may be limited.

You as a parent also have the right to request an evaluation from the special education department in the town where you live for your child to be eligible for FAPE (Free and Appropriate **Public** Education).

Member Districts: Bergenfield, Cresskill, Dumont, Hackensack, Maywood, New Milford, Oradell, River Dell, River Edge, Ridgefield, Rochelle Park, Tenafly and Teaneck. Ramsey & Saddle River (non member districts)

***Information for Project CHILD FIND may also be obtained by calling the toll-free number, 1800-322-8174, which is in-service 7 days a week, 24hours. All calls are confidential. If you have any questions, please contact the Region V office at 201-599-0585.***