

## **Project Child Find**

Project CHILD FIND is a free referral and awareness campaign to assist in the identification of youth with a delay or disability from birth to twenty-one years of age.

### **For Infants and Toddlers (Birth to Three)**

If you are concerned that your infant or toddler is not developing at a level that is commensurate with his/her chronological age, call the new statewide toll free referral number for the New Jersey Early Intervention System at 1-888-653-4463. Additional information can be obtained at:

[http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/documents/schs\\_cmu.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/documents/schs_cmu.pdf)

or at

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/eis/index.shtml>

### **Preschool Child Find Services (Three to Five)**

Do you have or know a preschool child three to five years of age that may be experiencing difficulty with:

- **communicating his/her ideas**
- **understanding simple directions**
- **seeing or hearing**
- **walking or running**
- **manipulating objects**
- **behavior**

If you are concerned about your preschool aged child due to any of the aforementioned, or additional areas and reside within the Pittsgrove Township or Elmer Borough, please contact the district's special education department at 856-358-7080 (ext. 4300). A child study team member will be made available to discuss your concerns and questions. For some guidelines for informally observing your child's development the New Jersey Department of Education provides a helpful parent brochure at:

[http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/childfind/checklist\\_eng.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/childfind/checklist_eng.pdf)

The Child Study Team conducts evaluations of children from ages 3 to 21, free of charge. Children that are determined eligible can receive special education and related services through the district's department of special education, and to the maximum extent possible with non-disabled peers. If you would like to refer your child, please send a written request with your child's full name, age, date of birth, address and a brief statement of your concerns to:

Pittsgrove Township School District  
Pittsgrove-Elmer Child Study Team  
1122 Almond Road  
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

### **Referral Procedures for School Age Children**

The Child Study Team (CST) may receive a referral from school personnel, I & RS Team, or a parent for a student who is experiencing academic, physical, sensory, emotional, communication or social difficulties even if, with the support of individually designed services, he/she is advancing from grade to grade. School personnel and the I & RS Team would refer by submitting a completed referral form to the Child Study Team. A parent may refer by submitting a letter requesting an evaluation of his/her child to the Child Study Team at the address above.

Please include in parental referrals the following information: your address, child's full name, age, date of birth, grade and brief statement of your concerns.

Special services are available to all students who have been identified through evaluation as being in need. These services include individualized or modified instruction, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech/language therapy, counseling and case management by a CST member. Special services vary from student to student and are outlined in Individual Education programs (IEPs); which are developed by IEP teams consisting of CST representatives, teachers, parents and others as necessary.