



## SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Each school district in New York State is required by law to establish a Committee on Special Education, comprised of parents and professional school personnel, which reviews the needs of each child referred and determines if she/he is educationally disabled. A full continuum of services is available for any child identified by the Committee as having a disability.

The school district is also responsible for the placement of pre-school children, ages 3 and 4, who have been identified by the Committee on Pre-school Special Education as educationally disabled. This Committee can be made up of district personnel, a parent, a representative of Erie County, a representative of a pre-school education agency, and general and special education teachers.

If you suspect your child may have a disability, please contact the office of Student Services and Special Education at (716) 686-3644, your child's teacher or your building principal.

## CHILD FIND

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and refer as early as possible, young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of an Early Intervention Program or Preschool Special Education services through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

To receive an Early Intervention Program or Special Education, children must meet eligibility guidelines according to IDEA. IDEA requires all states to have a "comprehensive Child Find System" to assure that all children who are in need of early intervention or special education services are located identified and referred. If you believe that your child may be a child with a disability or in need of support services, please contact Mrs. Gretchen Sukdolak, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education at (716) 686-3644.