

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Public Act 198 of 1971, the Mandatory Special Education Act, establishes the right of persons with disabilities, from birth through the age of 25, to equal opportunity within the public schools.

This means that children with disabilities do not need to wait until they are school age to benefit from special education services.

It is important that help be obtained for those disabilities at the earliest possible age. In the State of Michigan, this help is free and available through your public schools. A team of educational specialists evaluates the child to determine the type and degree of disability and the best program placement. This evaluation often includes medical specialists.

Pre-primary Special Education services are available for the following:

COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED

EMOTIONALLY IMPAIRED

PHYSICAL OR OTHERWISE HEALTH IMPAIRED

HEARING IMPAIRED

DEAF/HARD OF HEARING IMPAIRED

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE IMPAIRED

SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABLED

If you have, or know of, a preschool child or individual who may benefit from these services, contact:

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Sincerely,

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