

Child Find Purpose

About one child in ten has some kind of learning difficulty. Our goal in the Edmonds School District is to locate and provide services early for these children to increase their chances of school success in appropriate preschool programs. Studies have proven that with early detection and intervention many of these children will need little or no special services later on.

Young children learn about themselves, others, and the world around them through play. They discover the different ways their bodies can move and experience the world. They get to know other people by talking and laughing together. They learn about objects by using them in a variety of ways. Most children are automatically curious about people and things around them as soon as they can move. Other children need more help in order to meet the world around them. Our preschool programs can provide this help.

What Services Are Available Through Edmonds School District?

When the screening results are shared with you, you may find your child is functioning at age level or has possible delays in one or more areas of development and is in need of preschool special education services.

The district has a variety of preschool program options. The options include:

- * Specific therapy programs (e.g. speech, physical, occupational)
- * Preschool classroom programs designed to meet your child's special needs
- * Developmental kindergarten

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL:

Child Find Program
425-431-4900

If your child is living in a temporary situation, you may contact the district where you are staying to find out more about these services and/or attend a screening.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EVALUATION & INTERVENTION SERVICES



Referral Hot Line
425-431-7555

Child Find Program
Alderwood Early Childhood Center
2000-200th PL SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Can Your Child Do These Things?

All children develop at different rates. However, if your child is having trouble doing some of these things, it may mean he/she needs help.

AT 2 YEARS CAN YOUR CHILD:

- Walk up and down stairs with help?
- Scribble?
- Match objects that are the same?
(e.g. two balls or two blocks)
- Follow simple directions?
(e.g. hang up your coat)
- Put two words together? (e.g. "More juice")

AT 3 YEARS CAN YOUR CHILD:

- Run without falling?
- Copy a circle drawing?
- Answer simple questions?
- Enjoy playing alone?
- Talk in two or three word sentences?

AT 4 YEARS CAN YOUR CHILD:

- Ride a trike or big wheel?
- Use the toilet appropriately?
- Talk in three or four word sentences?
- Put together a 7 piece puzzle?
- Play with children who are the same age?

AT 5 YEARS CAN YOUR CHILD:

- Share and take turns?
- Use complete sentences with 5 or more words?
- Follow 3 step directions?
- Match things that go together?
(e.g. shoe, sock, foot)
- Copy a square?

Who is Eligible to be Screened?

Any child, ages three to five, whose family or caregivers have concerns about his/her development. All school districts within Washing State have Child Find screenings available. If your family is living in a temporary situation, you may contact the district where you are staying to attend a screening.

What is a Child Find Screening?

A Child Find screening is a free check of your child's development including the following:

COGNITIVE SKILLS:

How well he/she thinks and solves problems.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

How well he/she uses and understands age appropriate speech and language.

MOTOR SKILLS:

How well he/she uses small muscles to use crayons, manipulate toys, etc.

How well he/she uses large muscles to crawl, walk, stand, etc.

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SKILLS:

How well he/she adjusts to situations and gets along with others.

ADAPTIVE SKILLS:

How well he/she does self-care activities such as dressing, eating, toileting.

What Happens After Screening?

The screening may indicate that your child's skills are age-appropriate. If potential areas of need are identified, the Child Find team will guide you through the evaluation process, which will determine if your child is eligible for preschool special education services.

WHAT PROFESSIONALS ARE INVOLVED:

- Occupational and physical therapists (OT/PT)
- Speech/Language pathologists (SLP)
- School psychologists
- School nurse

These professionals form the multi-disciplinary Child Find team.



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