

## **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 who 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 in Camden City, please contact the Pre-school Child Study Team 856-966-4171. 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)

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

A parent who has concerns for their child's educational progress should speak to the child's teacher. Most concerns can be addressed with good communication and the help of our teachers. Should educational concerns continue, the teacher and the parent

should contact the Intervention and Referral Services Team (I&RS) to help develop interventions to address the concerns.

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 Camden Charter Network school that their child attends. Please include in parental referrals the following information: your child's full name, your address, the child's age, date of birth, grade and brief statement of your concerns.

Special services are available to all students who have been identified through an evaluation as having a disability and being in need of services. These services include the development of an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) designed to guide instruction and provide related services as needed. Special services vary from student to student and are outlined in the IEP which is developed by IEP team consisting of CST representatives, teacher, parents and others as necessary.