

## **Project Child Find 1-800-322-8174**

**Project CHILD FIND** is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist families in identifying unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age. In addition to assisting families who fact-find by phone calling, Project CHILD FIND develops and distributes information to the public about early intervention services and special education programs throughout the State of New Jersey.

### **Project CHILD FIND:**

1. Assists families of infants and toddlers, birth through age two, concerned about their child's development by directing all requests regarding early intervention to a family's local Special Child Health Case Management Unit.
2. Assisting families of preschoolers, three through five, concerned about their child's development by directing requests to their local school district.
3. Helping family's access community services through referral.
4. Promoting community and public awareness of all children with disabilities by providing information.
5. Assisting local school district Boards of Education to identify unserved children from age three through twenty-one who are in need of special education and related services.

Information through Project CHILD Find may be obtained by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-322-8174, which is in service 7 days a week, 24-hours a day. All calls received are confidential.

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### **Child Find Information Letter**

The Fort Lee Public schools recognized the importance of providing services to children with special needs. Our programs range in services for children three to 21 years of age who appear to have problems in communication, motor, social-emotional, or learning areas. Evaluations are available to preschoolers; to highly mobile students with disabilities, such as migrant and homeless students; and to students who may be disabled even though they are advancing through the grades.

If you know of children who appear to have one or more of the following signs, please ask their parents to call the Department of Special Services at 201-585-4652, Monday through Friday between 8:30a.m. and 4:00p.m.

- Significant delays in acquiring language or significant speech problems.
- Significant difficulty walking, running, or manipulating small objects.
- Frequent health problems or disabilities present from birth.
- Consistent trouble seeing or hearing.
- Tendency toward temper tantrums or exercise anxiety or shyness
- Significant difficulty playing appropriately with other children; and/or
- Significant problems paying attention and listening.

All information about such requests will be kept confidential.