Three and Four Year Old Children Who May Need Special Education

Questions & Answers

Q - What is special education for 3 & 4 year olds?
A - Special education is individualized special instruction for young children who are experiencing challenges in their learning and development.

Q - Who provides special education?
A - Your local school district is required by state and federal law to provide special education services for any child who requires these services.

Q - How do I know if my child needs services?
A - If you have concerns about your child’s learning and development, you can contact your local school program to request an evaluation.

Q - Who is eligible for special education services?
A - A child is eligible if they have a significant delay in one or more areas of development, such as learning, speaking or playing.

Where Can I Go For Help?

✓ Call the Child Development Infoline at 1-800-505-7000 to link to Help Me Grow, which provides information on child development and a variety of community resources, or to find out about services available in your town.

✓ Call your local school district to see about developmental screenings that are available in your community.

✓ Request an evaluation through your local school district if you note concerns about your child’s development.

✓ Visit the Connecticut Department of Education-Preschool Special Education website at www.state.ct.us/sde

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