

What is Preschool Special Education?

Preschool Special Education is an early intervention program designed for children aged 3-5 years old. It is operated by Richmond County Department of Special Education. The program provides home based, community based, or facility based services.

Who is eligible for services?

Families with preschool children aged 3-5 years old who have special needs are eligible to receive services if these needs are determined to directly affect the child's ability to hear, speak follow directions, move independently, think, understand, and behave appropriately.

What services are provided?

1. Comprehensive assessment by a multi-disciplinary team
2. Direct Services to children through individualized educational plan.
 3. Family support, education, and training
 4. Media/Resources Center including adaptive toy/equipment lending library
 5. Occupational and physical therapy screening
 6. Speech and language assessments
 7. Social work intervention

What is Involved?

Completing a parent questionnaire, signing permission forms, hearing and vision screening, developmental and psychological testing, and an interdisciplinary team that will develop an individualized program for the child is what is included in the process.

How are children referred?

Parents, preschool or daycare programs, physicians, health departments or other child serving agencies refer children for whom they have concerns about.

Who should I contact?

The Department of Special Education Preschool offices can be reached at (706) 826-1132.

**** Services are free. Eligibility for the program is determined by the State Department of Education guidelines for children with disabilities*