

**Montgomery County Public Schools
Services to Support Families with Students with Disabilities**

The Department of Special Education Services (DSES) views parents/guardians as valued partners along with students and school staff members in planning the student's services through the Individualized Education Program decision-making process. DSES offers guidance for parents/guardians to ensure that they are aware of the processes and procedures regarding special education eligibility and services. Additionally, DSES staff members serve to foster positive parent-school partnerships for increased educational opportunities and success for all students. Special education cluster supervisors and program supervisors serve as contacts for parents/guardians, along with school personnel. DSES provides electronic resources and guidance documents related to special education programs, procedural safeguards, and Common Questions for parents/guardians. Electronic resources can be found on the DSES website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/ and also are available in print upon request. For additional information regarding special education services in Montgomery County, please contact DSES at 301-279-3135, 850 Hungerford Drive—Room 230, Rockville, Maryland 20850 or 301-279-3125 TTY.

Child Find Services and Supports for Families:

- **Infants and Toddlers**

Parents/guardians of children between birth and three years of age should contact Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program to request an evaluation if they have concerns about their child's development at 240-777-3997.

- **Preschool**

The Child Find unit provides free developmental screenings for children from three years of age until kindergarten. It is also the single point of entry for families moving into Montgomery County whose preschool-age child has been previously identified with a disability. Nonresident families with a developmental concern about their child who attends a preschool or childcare center located in Montgomery County also may contact the Child Find unit. For further information, contact:

- Child Find staff member between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.: 301-230-5966
- Spanish Line: 301-230-5967
- 24-hour Child Find Intake Line: 301-947-6080
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- **School Age**

Parents/guardians of school-age students (K–21) should contact their neighborhood school for information regarding special education evaluation services.

- **Private/Parochial**

Parents/guardians of private/parochial students (K–21) should contact the Division of Business, Fiscal and Information Systems at 301-279-3166.