

Early Screening for Prompt Help

CHILD FIND is a developmental screening program for young children living in the Sheboygan Area School District. **CHILD FIND** screening helps identify if a child is appropriately developing both physically and emotionally. At the screening site, school professionals are on hand to answer questions parents may have about their child's development. In addition, information about a variety of community resources is available.

CHILD FIND can be the first step in referring a child into an appropriate special education program. The Sheboygan Area School District operates special education programs for children and students ages 3 to 21. Helping children with exceptional education needs as early as possible often results in more children becoming productive, responsible citizens.

The **CHILD FIND** service is provided at no charge to the parent, and all information gathered is confidential. Below are some signs that may be cause for concern. *(Please remember one sign alone may not mean there is a problem.)*

The Child's Hearing

- Does not turn toward sounds by the age of six months.
- Always turns the same ear in the direction of a sound.
- Talks very loudly, shouts during normal conversation.
- Has a speech problem or talks very softly.
- Does not respond when called from another room.
- Complains that one or both ears ache or liquid runs from ears.
- Has frequent colds or breathes through the mouth.

The Child's Motion

- Cannot pull self to standing by age 1.
- Cannot walk alone by age 2.
- Cannot walk up or downstairs or run without falling by age 3.
- Cannot balance on one foot or jump from a bottom step by age 4.
- Cannot turn somersaults by age 5.
- Cannot skip well or throw catchable ball 10 feet by age 6.

The Child's Sight

- Crosses one or both eyes.
- Eyelids are often red, watery, puffy, and encrusted.
- Often rubs eyes, as though they itch or hurt.
- Often complains that eyes hurt.

The Child's Play

- Cannot play peek-a-boo by age 1.
- Cannot imitate adults doing simple household tasks by age 2.
- Does not play alone with toys by age 3.
- Is not able to play group games, or understand taking turns by age 4.
- Cannot play competitive games by age 5.
- Does not understand "fair play" or cannot participate in simple table games by age 6.

The Child's Speech

- By age 1, is unable to say basic words such as "mama" and "dada".
- By age 2, cannot name toys or members of family.
- By age 3, cannot repeat simple rhymes or common musical jingles.
- By age 4, cannot say short, complete sentences.
- By age 5, can be understood only by those who are used to the child's speech habits.

The Child's Thinking

- Does not look at an adult when called, or cannot figure simple problems (find hidden object under cup) by age 1.
- Cannot name two objects by age 2.
- Does not respond to own name by age 3.
- Is not able to count to 2 by age 4.
- Cannot make simple comparisons (bigger, heavier) or count to 4 by age 5.
- Cannot distinguish left from right or count to 6 by age 6.

CHILD FIND is an effort to locate and identify children with exceptional educational needs who are not receiving special education services.

The Sheboygan Area School District operates a monthly **CHILD FIND** screening for children whose third birthday falls within that month. School district census records are used to notify parents.

If you are new to the school district and/or you have concerns about your child's development, arrangements may be made to have your child screened during one of these monthly sessions. After a child turns three, that child can be screened at any time prior to kindergarten.

**For further information about
CHILD FIND screening call:**

**Sheboygan Area School District
Telephone: 459-6722**

Or Write:

**CHILD FIND
Sheboygan Area School District
Early Learning Center
1227 Wilson Avenue
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081**

Is There Cause for Concern?

*What kinds of special problems
might indicate that a child has
exceptional needs?*

- Children with hearing, vision, or speech problems.
- Children who do things slower than others or at a later age.
- Children with behavior or emotional problems.
- Children with serious physical, crippling, or orthopedic problems.
- Children with other problems which prevent attending school or prevent effective learning while in school.



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