

## MANDATORY SPECIAL EDUCATION ACT

Public Act 198 of 1971, the Mandatory Special Education Act, establishes the right of persons with disabilities, from birth through age of 26, to equal opportunity within the public schools.

## This means that children with disabilities do not need to wait until they are school age to benefit from special education services.

It is important that help be obtained for those with disabilities at the earliest possible age. In the State of Michigan, this help is free and is available through your public schools. A team of educational specialists evaluates the child to determine the type and degree of disability and the best kind of program placement.

Preliminary Special Education services are available for the:

- Cognitively Impaired
- Emotionally Impaired
- Physically Impaired
- Otherwise Health Impaired
- Hearing Impaired
- Visually Impaired
- Speech And Language Impaired
- Specific Learning Disabled
- Pre-Primary Impaired
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Early Childhood Developmental Delay
- Severe Multiple Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Deaf-Blindness

If you have, or know of, a preschool child who may benefit from these services, contact: Dr. Matthew Sokol, Director of Special Education, Allen Park Schools, 9601 Vine, Allen Park, Michigan, 48101, (313) 827-2180.