

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE SPEECH OR LANGUAGE CONCERNS FOR YOUR CHILD

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## IF A CHILD IS UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE

- Learn about typical developmental milestones for speech and language development on websites such as [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association \(ASHA\)](#)
- Discuss any concerns with the child's doctor
- Find your local Birth-to-Three (B-3) program by searching the [WI Department of Health Services](#) website. Each county in Wisconsin has a B-3 program contact who can answer questions about the referral process and will start a referral for a speech-language evaluation, if appropriate.



## IF A CHILD IS 3–5 YEARS OF AGE

- Discuss any concerns with the child's doctor and school teacher, if applicable
- Refer to the school district website for **Child Find** information. Child Find is the process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify and refer as early as possible all young children with disabilities who are in need of early intervention or special education



## IF A CHILD IS 5 YEARS OR OLDER

- Discuss any concerns with the child's doctor
- Contact the child's teacher to discuss any concerns and/or request a speech-language screening
- Learn about typical developmental milestones for speech and language development on websites such as [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association \(ASHA\)](#)
- Contact the district's [Student Services](#) department or the [school psychologist](#) in the child's school to discuss a possible screening or referral for a special education evaluation



## OUTSIDE RESOURCES

If a child does not qualify for speech-language services in the school or B-3 program, outside services may be an option: Mayo Health Clinic, Emplify Health (formerly Gundersen Health System), URead Academy

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