

CHILD STUDY TEAMS SEEK TO IDENTIFY DISABLED STUDENTS

Local Child Study Teams from Manasquan, Avon, Sea Girt, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, Bradley Beach, Belmar, Lake Como, Brielle and Wall Township are seeking parents who may suspect that their child might be disabled. Under New Jersey State Law, each school district must provide for free educational assistance to any child between the ages of 3 and 21 who has been identified by the local Child Study Team as being disabled. This also includes migrant workers and the homeless. If one suspects their child may have a physical, mental and/or emotional difficulty which may interfere with his/her ability to learn, please contact the appropriate Child Study Team office based on the town in which one lives. Educational screening and appropriate educational programs, if needed, are all available through the Child Study Team office.

Possible signs of disabling conditions in pre-school children include:

- Known visual, auditory and/or orthopedic problems.
- The child has difficulty seeing people or objects.
- The child has severe speech difficulties.
- The child is not able to talk in short sentences by age 4.
- The child has difficulty getting along with others.
- The child has temper tantrums when they do not get their own way.
- The child becomes easily frustrated, even when completing simple tasks.
- The child has difficulty with small muscle control.
- The child has known health problems that will affect them academically.

If one has observed any of these behaviors, please contact the appropriate Child Study Team to discuss your concerns/make a referral for evaluation. Please refer to the appropriate list of contacts:

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