



Non Department of Defense Schools Program (NDSP): Child Find Preschool Screening Information

What is a Preschool Child Find screening?

A Preschool Child Find screening is a developmental screening for children ages 3 to 5 to assist in identifying children with potential developmental delay(s) or other special education needs.

Why screen and evaluate preschool children?

When learning challenges are identified at a young age, early intervention can help the child avoid serious learning problems when they reach school age.

Do any of these concerns sound familiar?

Personal-Social Development

1. Has great difficulties in Preschool or Day Care settings
2. Doesn't listen or engage with adults
3. Has great difficulty playing with peers
4. Engages in tantrums frequently in public
5. Has great difficulty separating from parents

Communication

1. Is difficult for most people to understand
2. Doesn't seem to understand directions
3. Language sounds much different than other children his/her age
4. Adults wonder if the child is hearing them

Learning

1. Doesn't seem to remember what was learned from one day to the next
2. Doesn't seem interested in learning
3. Doesn't want to participate in activities that involve learning and exploring

Motor Skills

1. Seems to fall often/is very clumsy
2. Has great difficulty holding utensils, writing tools or coloring tools
3. Doesn't seem to have strength when coloring/drawing

Self-Help

1. Is not toilet trained and all others of the same age seem to be toilet trained
2. Is unable to put on even simple clothing items without assistance

If you have concerns, please visit with the Education Specialist for your region and ask about a Preschool Screening today! Your child's medical provider can also answer questions pertaining to your child's development and would be a wonderful resource to help you determine if your child is progressing at a developmentally appropriate rate.