Early Childhood Special Education Referral Process



Concern



- Talk with the family
- Call ChildFind to star referral process

Screening



- Screening packet sent home
- Specialist compile information and make a decision about whether a full evaluation is needed (Decision to Assess)

X No evaluation needed

• No concerns or follow up in 6 months

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Family notified that

-OR-

Evaluation



Evaluation needed

- Social emotional evaluation —observational information needed
- Speech therapy evaluation
- Full evaluation
 - * 3.5 hour evaluation in multiple areas of development
 - * Interpreter provided if needed

IEP



- IEP is a document that describes how the school district will meet the student's educational needs
- IEP describes the students current level, goals for the school year, and what services will be provided to the student

Early Childhood Services



Depending on a child's needs the IEP team will determine if the child needs:

- Therapy Services
- Itinerant Services—therapy service delivered at preschool
- Developmental Preschool—Preschool program designed by special education teachers and therapists to meet the needs of the students
- Extended Day Services -Students with autism may be considered for additional intensive services in addition to developmental preschool

Important Reminders:

- Each stage has paperwork or consent needed to proceed. If a family asks, please help them be complete and responsive in submitting paperwork.
- If you need any help, or a family has questions please call, 252-XXXX
- Special education,, and child concerns are a sensitive and private. Be careful to be confidential.