HOW ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

Services are provided through a free and appropriate public education which may include:

- interaction with peers who are developing normally
- coordination with other agencies
- one or more program options
  - public school based classrooms
  - public or private preschool
  - itinerant based, i.e., speech/language therapy
  - specialized day service center
  - home based instruction
  - hospital/residential instruction

WHO CAN YOU CONTACT FOR SERVICES?

To find out what programs are available for a preschool child 3 through 5 years of age who is experiencing difficulties contact:

- your local school district
- Arkansas Special Education Child Find
  2402 Wildwood Avenue, Suite 170
  Sherwood, AR 72120
  www.archildfind.org

- your local Early Childhood Coordinator at the education service cooperative at the following address and telephone number:

REMEMBER: The earlier you recognize your child’s special needs and seek help, the better the possibilities are for your child to improve or overcome the problem.
**WHAT ARE EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES?**

Early Childhood Special Education Services are activities designed to enhance the development of the preschool child and provide experiences in one or more of the following areas:

- talking
- seeing
- hearing
- learning
- walking
- behavior

These are special services individually planned to prepare the child for future school success.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

A child may be eligible for special services if he/she is age 3 through 5 and is experiencing difficulties which interfere with normal development in these areas:

- speech/language
- vision
- hearing
- motor skills
- behavioral/social skills
- self help skills
- problem solving skills
- cognition/readiness skills

**WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?**

The following services are provided as needed at no cost to the family:

- screening
- evaluation
- preschool instruction
- speech/language therapy
- physical/occupational therapy
- family training
- other appropriate services