

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SPECIAL SERVICES THROUGH NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parents and Guardians:

**If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 21 who lives in Newark**, Newark Public Schools wants to help you decide whether your child might benefit from special services.

Newark Public Schools offers free screening to gain information on your child's development. **We encourage all 3, 4 and 5 year olds to be screened.** Screening is especially important if your child is having difficulty learning, or has problems speaking, hearing, thinking, playing, walking, seeing, grasping or interacting with others, or has emotional or behavior problems. The screening process may provide information that suggests a child should be evaluated more thoroughly to determine whether he/she has a disability and would benefit from special services.

Children who are enrolled in any preschool or kindergarten program provided by Newark Public Schools, including contracted Head Start and "Abbott" programs, are automatically screened on an ongoing basis to determine if they need assistance.

**Screening is also available free of charge for children ages 3-5** who are not enrolled in programs provided by Newark Public Schools (children who attend any private or religious school, or who do not attend any school).

If Newark Public Schools determines that your child has a disability, your child can receive special education services. Newark Public Schools may also be able to assist you by providing information about community groups or government agencies that assist children with disabilities.

For further information about screening or special education services provided by Newark Public Schools, contact any public school in Newark, or the private or religious school that your child attends. You may also call Ms. Carolyn Granato, Assistant to the Superintendent for Special Education at (973) 733-7314. Letters can be addressed to:

Ms. Carolyn Granato  
Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services  
Newark Public Schools  
765 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

*If translation services are needed, they will be provided.*

*If you require a TTY/TDD line please call Carol Ukstins at the Bruce St. School telephone number (973) 705-3759.*

