

PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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The Preschool Special Education Program provides educational services to children ages 3 to 5 who have a disability that affects their learning. The local School Districts guide families through the program while Clinton County and the New York State Education Department pay for the cost of the educational services.

The Referral

If you have a preschool child and you have noticed that your child is not developing skills such as walking, talking, or playing like other young children, you may want to talk to your family doctor. He or she may reassure you that children develop at different rates and your child's development is okay. If, however, the doctor is concerned, or you are still not comfortable with your child's progress, you may wish to make a referral to your school district's Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). The following is a list of school districts in Clinton County. If you are not sure which district to call, you may also call Champlain Valley Education Services at 561-0900 and they will assist you.

Ausable Valley (CPSE) 834-2829
Beekmantown (CPSE) 563-8787 ext. 4579
Chazy (CPSE) 846-8885 ext. 519
Northeastern (CPSE) 298-4031
Northern Adirondack (CPSE) 594-3986 ext. 2103
Peru (CPSE) 643-6322
Plattsburgh (CPSE) 563-6262
Saranac (CPSE) 565-5646

How Much Does it Cost?

There is no costs to parents for evaluations or any services listed on their child's IEP. The Clinton County Health Department and the State Education Department pay for services

How Does CPSE Work?

The school district will arrange for your child to be evaluated to see if there is a need for special education services. If the evaluation shows that your child is "eligible" the CPSE, with your input, will develop an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to meet your child's needs. Services may be provided in your home, your child's day care, or in a special education classroom setting. Services on the IEP may include special education, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, counseling, transportation, and other services.

Contact Us

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