

**Search for Children with Disabilities** As a local school district we have the responsibility to identify and evaluate all children with disabilities. A preschool child, between the ages of 3-5, is defined as having a disability if he or she has a documented deficit in two or more of the following areas: communication skills, hearing, motor functioning, social-emotional/behavior difficulties, cognitive ability and/or adaptive behavior skills or visual impairment. For school age children, ages 5-21, a child may qualify for special services if he or she has a disability in one or more of the following areas: autism, developmental handicap, behavioral/emotional, speech/language, multi-disabilities, specific learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, health or orthopedic impairment, or vision/hearing disabilities. Early observations and records help an evaluation team find appropriate programs and services prior to the child entering school. If you have a child up to age 21 years of age or younger who has, or is suspected of having a disability, please contact Laura McBride at Springfield Local Schools 11333 Youngstown Pittsburgh Road, New Middletown, Ohio 44442. (330) 542-2929 Ext 203.