

The New York State Education Department oversees a statewide preschool special education program with school districts, municipalities, approved providers and parents. Evaluations and specially planned individual or group instructional services or programs are provided to eligible children who have a disability that affects their learning. Funding for these special education programs and services is provided by municipalities and the State, and is free to families.

If your preschool child (3 - 5 years old) has some delays or lags in development such as difficulty talking, moving around, learning or is facing physical or behavioral challenges, you may make a referral to the chairperson of your school district's Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) who will assist you in completing the referral process. Services that may be recommended by the CPSE include, but are not limited to:

- Special Instruction
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Counseling

If you would like additional information or have questions regarding this process, please contact Shelly Matlofsky, CPSE Chairperson at 355-5881.