

To find out more information about preschool services for children with special needs or to have your child screened free of charge, call or write:

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for help is now!*

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Preschool Special Education



For
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Identification is the first step

From two to three years
Most children will.....

- explore their surroundings
- recognize themselves in the mirror
- walk up and down stairs
- name pictures in books
- scribble circles
- say two and three word phrases
- help pick up toys

From three to four years
Most children will.....

- use the toilet
- eat and drink by themselves
- run, climb, and ride a tricycle
- sort objects by color, shape, or size
- tell their name and age
- sing simple songs
- seek out play with other children

From four to five years
Most children will.....

- follow the rules of simple games
- tell their city and address
- walk down stairs carrying an object
- cut with scissors
- name colors and shapes
- tell about “yesterday” and “today”
- dress themselves

Each child learns and grows differently. If your child is not doing one activity, there is probably no need for concern. However, if he or she is late in several areas, you may want to seek advice.

Preschool special education services are available free of charge to children 3 through 5 years of age who have special needs in one or more of the following areas:

- **social/behavior skills**
- **motor skills**
- **self-help skills**
- **thinking skills**
- **communication skills**
- **vision**
- **hearing**



Several program options are available for preschoolers in Springfield, intended to meet each family and child’s specific needs.

They include:

- classroom-based programs with small group instruction; this may be provided in a setting with typically developing children or in a separate classroom facility
- itinerant services serving the child at home or where he/she attends preschool or daycare
- children may also be able to receive speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and/or physical therapy

