



# *Child Care Tips:*

## *Special Needs-Community Resources*

The early years are full of excitement and change. Although development and progress of children can differ greatly, if parents and providers have concerns about development a need may arise to establish a support contact within the community. Use the resources below to help you work with the children and families in your program. For further information, contact a resource and referral counselor at APPLES for Children, Inc. who can give you updated information from our community resource directory.

### Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program:

This program provides services to eligible students from birth through two years of age. Offers free screenings, evaluations and services.

- Allegany County Infants and Toddlers: 301-689-0466
- Garrett County Infants and Toddlers at Partnership for Children and families: 301-334-1189  
[www.garrettpartnership.org](http://www.garrettpartnership.org)
- Washington County Infants and Toddlers: 301-766-8217
- Statewide: Calling this number will direct you to your local resources-(800) 535-0182

### Child Find:

A program through your local board of education that offers programs for children with disabilities ages 3 through 21. Includes screenings and the development of an Individualized Education Plan.

- Allegany County: 301-759-2082  
[www.allconet.org](http://www.allconet.org)
- Garrett County: 301-334-1189  
<http://www.ga.k12.md.us>
- Washington County : 301-766-2971  
[www.wcboe.k12.md.us](http://www.wcboe.k12.md.us)
- Statewide: Calling this number will direct you to your local resources (800) 535-0182 or 1- 410-767-0249

### Family Support Services: local agencies assisting parents/families of children with special needs.

- Allegany County: Family Support Services 301-689-2407  
<http://boe.allconet.org/speced/Partners/partners.html>
- Garrett County: Birth-3 Family Support Network 301-334-2174  
Ages 3-21- Partners for Success (301) 334-6028  
[www.garrettpartnership.org](http://www.garrettpartnership.org)
- Washington County: Partners for Success 301-766-8221  
[www.wcboe.k12.md.us/content/d\\_i\\_partners.cfm](http://www.wcboe.k12.md.us/content/d_i_partners.cfm)

### References:

[mdpublicschools.org](http://mdpublicschools.org)  
[mdchildcare.org](http://mdchildcare.org) (for enhanced special need child care searches and "keeping children in care" information)