

The Department of Public Instruction considers children three, four and five years of age to be preschoolers. "Preschool Options" refers to the array of services and service delivery options available to preschool-age children who are identified as having special education needs. School districts are required to provide a variety of flexible options to support preschool age children with special needs and their families.

The Oconomowoc Area School District (OASD) holds monthly screening from September through March during which the developmental skills of our community's preschoolers can be assessed. While we are able to provide screening for children as young as two-years-three-months old up to those who are five years old but not yet attending kindergarten, our target age is three-and-a-half-years-old. Special education evaluation is recommended for those children who display skills that appear to be significantly below the average range. Progress monitoring is recommended for those children who appear to be exhibiting slightly below average skills.

Special education needs are identified through standardized assessment, observation and routine based interviews. Individualized goals are established through a strengths/needs format that incorporates a high level of parent and caregiver participation. Goals are based on the child's developmental skills rather than their chronological age. Special education programs are developed with the identified child's natural environment (where they spend most of their day) in mind. When appropriate, special education services are provided in these "natural" settings (ex. home, child care/day care site, 4-K classroom, community playgroup, etc.)

If you have questions or concern about the pre-academic, motor, speech/language, play or social-emotional development of a preschool-age child who resides within the OASD attendance area, what can you do?

For consultation related to *concerns about a child who is between the ages of six weeks to two-years-three-months old*, please contact the Birth-to-Three program for the county that the child resides in.

- **Dodge County** Birth-to-Three **920-887-4282**
- **Jefferson County** Early Intervention Program **920-674-7386**
- **Waukesha County** Birth-to-Three **262-896-6880**

For consultation related to *concerns about a three (two-years-three-months and older), four or five-year-old child not yet enrolled in kindergarten or to inquire about scheduling a preschool screening*, please contact **Erin Lee, Elementary School Social Worker/Preschool Services Coordinator** at **262-560-8234**.

For consultation related to *concerns about a five-year-old kindergarten student*, please contact the school office and ask to speak to the school psychologist.

- **Greenland Elementary School** **262-560-8105**
- **Park Lawn Elementary School** **262-560-8205**
- **Ixonia Elementary School** **262-560-8405**
- **Meadow View Elementary School** **262-560-8005**
- **Summit Elementary School** **262-560-8305**

For *all other questions or concerns*, please contact **Erin Lee, Elementary School Social Worker** at **262-560-8234** or LeeE@oasd.org