



FDLRS/Child Find is a function of the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System, a statewide network of associate centers providing support to Florida schools. The local center, **FDLRS/Emerald Coast**, serves Escambia, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa counties.

What does CHILD FIND do? We provide free hearing, vision, developmental, speech and language screenings to 3-, 4- and 5-year old children who are not enrolled in public school. This screening is the first step in the process to getting pre-K disability services through the public school district.

Who does CHILD FIND help? We help children who may have developmental delays, speech and/or language delays, vision or hearing concerns, medical and/or physical concerns, and social and/or emotional delays.

Some things your pre-K age child should be able to do:

2-3 Years

- Use 2- to 4- word sentences
- Follow simple instructions
- Point to objects or pictures
- Use spoon and fork to eat
- Hold and mark with pencil
- Climb ladder on a slide
- Identify basic emotions
- Claim things as "mine."
- Run with ease

3-4 Years

- Use 4- to 5-word sentences
- Ask "what," "where," and "why" questions
- Engage in conversation
- Respond to questions
- Pedal a tricycle
- Is toilet trained
- Count to 5
- Play in small groups
- Imitate adults and playmates
- Show affection for playmates
- Speak so that he/she is easily understood by parent

4-5 Years

- Use 5- to 6-word sentences
- Follow 3-step command
- Cooperate with playmates
- Throw/ catch a ball
- Tell a story
- Copy simple shapes
- Try to write his/her name
- Speak so that he/she is easily understood by others

If you note concerns about your child or a child in your care: Please contact FDLRS/Child Find at **850-469-5423** or **1-888-445-9662**. Or visit us online at www.fdlrsemeraldcoast.org and look under the Child Find tab to get more information or to submit a referral online.



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