

THE LASALLE/PUTNAM COUNTY PRESCHOOL TEAM

The LaSalle / Putnam County Preschool Team, located in the L.E.A.S.E. Office, assists local education agencies by conducting Child-Find activities for children from age 2.5 through 5 years of age. The Preschool Team consists of two early childhood teacher/diagnosticians, a speech/language pathologist and a hearing/vision technician. The "Team" travels throughout our area screening 2.5 through 5 year olds brought to them by parents, served by private day cares, private preschools, Head Start programs, etc. The "Team" does extensive advertising in each locality throughout our Counties to screen as many children as possible. Over 2,000 such children on the average are screened annually.

During a screening, various skills are briefly assessed. These include fine motor, readiness/cognition, gross motor, speech/language, hearing and vision. The Preschool Team shares this data with the student's local school. While a large percentage of children pass the initial screening, some may have difficulty. If this is the case, the child's school may request a meeting to determine if further evaluation is warranted. Eligibility for preschool programming is determined by the local district I.E.P. team.

If you would like to schedule a 2.5 through 5 year old child for screening, simply call the L.E.A.S.E. Office at 815-433-6433 or schedule with your local school districts when the Preschool Team next travels to your locality.