

## 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 and districts by conducting Child Find activities.

The Preschool Team consists of two early childhood teacher/diagnosticians, a speech/language pathologist and two contracted hearing/vision technicians. During a screening, various skills are briefly assessed. These include fine motor, readiness/cognition, gross motor, speech/language, hearing and vision.

Preschool Team members are:

- Sally Fiesel, Early Childhood Teacher/Diagnostician
- Stephanie DeSpain, Early Childhood Teacher/Diagnostician
- Julie O'Brien-Smith, Speech/Language Path./ Coordinator, (Assists as needed)
- Mary Beth Potthoff, Speech/Language Pathologist
- LuAnn Winterrowd, Hearing/Vision Technician
- Julie Koval, Hearing/Vision Technician
- Jean Gula, Secretary

While a large percentage of children pass the initial screening, some may have difficulty. If this is the case, the child may be referred for further testing.