

## **YOUNG CHILD WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY RESOURCES, DEFINITION & CRITERIA**

*(Many of the resources listed are generic in nature or pertain to early childhood specifically. To find additional resources for a specific disability please refer to that section of the handbook.)*

### **Special School District**

Special School District provides Early Childhood Special Education to the following districts (for early childhood special education programs in districts not listed, contact your local school district.)

Affton – 314-633-5988  
Bayless – 314-256-8631  
Brentwood – 314-262-8521  
Hancock Place – 314-544-1300  
Jennings – 314-653-8070  
Ladue – 314-993-5724  
Lindbergh – 314-729-2400  
Maplewood/Richmond Hgts – 644-4405  
Normandy – 314-493-0880  
Parkway – 314-415-6950  
Ritenour – 314-493-6240  
Riverview Gardens – 314-869-3211  
Valley Park – 636-923-3519  
Webster Groves – 314-963-6440

### **Local Resources**

Bureau of Special Health Care Needs —  
800-451-0669  
[www.health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn](http://www.health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn)  
Children with Special Health Care Needs Program provides funding for health/medical services for children under the age of 21 who meet medical and financial eligibility guidelines and need diagnostic or treatment services from specialist physicians. Also provides: • Cystic Fibrosis, Hemophilia, Head Injury, Sickle Cell Anemia,

Genetics Services and First Steps Programs

Center for Hearing and Speech  
9835 Manchester Road  
St. Louis, MO 63119  
314-968-4710  
[www.hearing-speechstlouis.org](http://www.hearing-speechstlouis.org)  
Hearing evaluations, hearing aid consultation and assistive listening devices; speech evaluation and therapy; stuttering program.

Central Institute for the Deaf  
825 South Taylor Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
314-997-0132  
[www.cid.edu](http://www.cid.edu)  
Parent-infant programs; hearing, speech, language and academic evaluations; language development class for pre-school.

Childgarden Child Development Center  
4150 Laclede  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
314-531-8148  
<http://childgarden.org/>  
Fully inclusive early education program. Children with disabilities and children without disabilities work and learn together in classrooms. In order to support the development of all, Childgarden provides a full array of early intervention services.

Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments  
314-776-1300  
[www.dgckids.org](http://www.dgckids.org)  
Provides Early Intervention Services to children birth to age 3 who are blind or have visual impairments and Family

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Support Services for families of children of all ages.

Family Resource Center/Family Forward  
314-534-9350

[www.frcmo.org](http://www.frcmo.org)

Therapeutic day treatment preschool for children ages three to five years old residing in St. Louis City or County who are experiencing emotional and/or behavioral problems.

First Steps: Missouri's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs

1-866-583-2392

<https://www.mofirststeps.com/>

Good Shepherd School for Children  
314-469-0606

[www.goodss.org](http://www.goodss.org)

Preschool services and full-time childcare for children with and without disabilities, ages 18 months to 6 years. Therapy services and special education.

Knights of Columbus Development Center  
314-577-5609

<http://www.cardinalglennon.com/medicalspecialties/developmental%20pediatrics/Pages/default.aspx>

Diagnostic services and therapeutic evaluations for children with disabilities, birth to age 18; training programs for parents.

LifeBridge Partnership  
314-989-1188

<http://www.lifebridgestl.org/>

Provides social/recreational programs, transportation, specialized orthopedic equipment, awareness programs.

The Miriam School/Academy/Learning Center

314-968-3893

[www.miriamstl.org](http://www.miriamstl.org)

Programs for children ages 3 through high school that include speech, language and occupational therapy; academic tutoring and consultations.

Parents as Teachers National Center (PAT)

314-432-4330

[www.parentsasteachers.org](http://www.parentsasteachers.org)

Family education and support program for parents with children ages birth to 5. Program covers child development and suggests activities that encourage language development, intellectual growth, social and motor skills, and strengthens the parent-child relationship.

Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital  
314-872-6400

[www.rankenjordan.org](http://www.rankenjordan.org)

Children's rehabilitation center provides skilled nursing and comprehensive therapy services for children from 2 weeks to 16 years of age with a wide variety of medical needs.

St. Louis Arc/Belle Center  
314-569-2211

[www.slarc.org](http://www.slarc.org)

Agency provides support and services to adults and children with disabilities and their families. ARCH respite services; Family Organization Workshop Series; Sibshop Series; consultation and referral; early intervention services, daycare and preschool (see Childgarden).

St. Louis Children's Hospital  
314-454-6154

[www.stlouischildrens.org](http://www.stlouischildrens.org)

Comprehensive evaluation and therapy treatment programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech/language disorders from age's birth to young adult.

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St. Louis Regional Office  
314-587-4800

<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/facilities/>  
Operated by the Missouri Department of Mental Health's Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Every person who requests services is entitled to an initial diagnostic evaluation and case management. Eligibility is determined and arrangements are made to obtain services within the available resources of the division (in such areas as therapy, family support, training, residential services and more).

St. Louis University  
Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic  
Department of Communication Disorders  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
314-977-3365  
<http://www.slu.edu/departments-of-communication-sciences-and-disorders-home/speech-language-hearing-clinic>  
Provides clinical services to people with speech, language or hearing problems on a sliding fee scale.

Shriners' Hospital for Children  
314-432-3600  
[www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/hospitals/locations/stlouis.aspx](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/hospitals/locations/stlouis.aspx)  
Medical care for children ages birth to 18 with orthopedic conditions.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Heartland  
636-227-6030  
[www.ucpheartland.org](http://www.ucpheartland.org)  
Provides Parent-child Early Intervention Program with in-home and center-based developmental therapy for children birth to age 3 in city and county. Parent education assistive technology center.

United 4 Children  
314-531-1412  
TTY: 314-535-6560  
<http://united4children.org>  
Provides leadership, coordination, innovation and advocacy in promoting quality child care, successful early childhood and youth development, accessibility and sustainability of non-school hour programs, and work/family balance so that children and youth have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

### State Resources

Early Childhood Special Education  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
573-751-5739  
<https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/early-childhood-special-education>

Missouri Head Start Association  
[www.moheadstart.org](http://www.moheadstart.org)

### National Resources

Council for Exceptional Children  
[www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)  
[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center  
[www.nectac.org](http://www.nectac.org)

PACER Center  
[www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)

Zero to Three  
National Center for Clinical Infant Programs

[www.zerotothree.org](http://www.zerotothree.org)

Nonprofit dedicated to improving the chances for healthy physical, cognitive and social development of infants, toddlers and their families.

**DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FROM APPENDIX A OF THE MISSOURI STATE PLAN**

**Young Child with a Developmental Delay Definition**

A young child with a developmental delay refers to a child between the ages of 3 and 5 who is experiencing developmental delays as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures. The child may have delays in one or more of the following developmental areas: physical, cognitive, communication, social or emotional, or adaptive.

**Criteria for Initial Eligibility for Young Children with a Developmental Delay**

A child has a developmental delay when:

**For children ages 3 through 5 (not kindergarten age eligible)**

- A. The child's development is at or below 1.5 standard deviations, or equivalent levels, of the mean in any two areas of development or at or below 2.0 standard deviations, or equivalent levels, in any one area of development. Areas of development that can be used to determine eligibility include physical, cognitive, communication, social/emotional or adaptive
- B. The child needs special education and related services.

**Professional Judgment**

A child may also be deemed eligible when:

- A. The evaluation report documents through formal and informal assessment that a significant deficit exists and a child is eligible for services even though the standard scores, or equivalent levels, do not meet the stated criterion levels in A above, or,
- B. The team may determine that a child who is functioning above the stated criterion level and because of intensive early intervention, is eligible for services based on expected regression if services were to be terminated.

**Note on kindergarten-eligible children age 5:**

Children kindergarten age eligible may continue eligibility as a young child with a developmental delay if they were identified as such prior to attaining kindergarten age eligibility.