



# Special Education "Child Find"

## Early Warning Signs: Preschool - 4th Grade

Preschool	Grades K-4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Late talking, compared to other children.</li> <li>▶ Pronunciation problems.</li> <li>▶ Slow vocabulary growth, often unable to find the right word.</li> <li>▶ Difficulty rhyming words.</li> <li>▶ Trouble learning numbers, the alphabet, days of the week.</li> <li>▶ Extremely restless and easily distracted.</li> <li>▶ Trouble interacting with peers.</li> <li>▶ Poor ability to follow directions or routines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Slow to learn the connections between letters and sounds.</li> <li>▶ Confuses basic words (run, eat, want).</li> <li>▶ Makes consistent reading and spelling errors including letter reversals (b/d), inversions (m,w), transpositions (felt/left), and substitutions (house, home).</li> <li>▶ Transposes number sequences and confuses arithmetic signs (+, -, x, /, =).</li> <li>▶ Slow recall of facts.</li> <li>▶ Slow to learn new skills, relies heavily on memorization.</li> <li>▶ Impulsiveness, lack of planning.</li> <li>▶ Unstable pencil grip.</li> <li>▶ Trouble learning about time.</li> <li>▶ Poor conditions, unaware of physical surroundings, prone to accidents.</li> </ul>

## HOW TO GET HELP:

If you know of any individual who MAY have a problem, contact any of the organizations listed below.

Arkansas Special Education  
Resource Center  
Wildwood Centre  
2402 Wildwood, Suite 170  
Sherwood, AR 72120  
1-800-482-8437  
[www.archildfind.org](http://www.archildfind.org)



Arkansas Department  
of Education  
Special Education  
1401 W. Capitol, Suite 450  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
501-682-4225  
<http://arksped.k12.ar.us>



Ark First Connection  
Birth to 36 months  
DHS/DDS  
P.O. Box 1437, Slot N504  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437  
1-800-643-8258  
[www.state.ar.us/dhs/dds/  
FirstConn/index.html](http://www.state.ar.us/dhs/dds/FirstConn/index.html)