

## Notice to Parents/Guardians

Public Act 198 of 1971, the Mandatory Special Education Act, establishes the right of persons with disabilities, from birth through the age of 25, to equal opportunity within the public schools.

This means that children with disabilities do not need to wait until they are school age to benefit from special education service.

It is important that help be obtained for those with disabilities at the earliest possible age. In the State of Michigan, this help is free and is available through your public schools. A team of educational specialists will evaluate the child to determine the type and degree of disability and the best kind of program placement. The evaluation often includes medical specialists.

Preprimary Special Education services are available for the Mentally Impaired, Emotionally Impaired, Physically and Otherwise Health Impaired (POHI), Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Speech and Language Impaired, and Specific Learning Disabled.

If you have, or know of, a preschool child who may benefit from these services, please call:

*Curriculum Director*  
Allendale Public Schools  
6561 Lake Michigan Drive  
Allendale, MI 49401  
616-892-5570

### Help Break the Language Barrier

We are seeking to identify students whose home language is other than English. If you are the parent/guardian of such a child/ward - who is not in our present ESL Program and lives in the Allendale Public School District - please send your child's/ ward's name to *Curriculum Director*, Allendale Public Schools, 6561 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale, Michigan 49401, 616-892-5570.

### Ayuda A Eliminar Las Barreras Del Idioma

Estamos tratando de identificar estudiantes que hablan otro idioma en sus hogares ademas del ingles. Si Ud. es el padre o guardian del nino(a)-si el nino(a) no estan inscritos en el programa ESL-favor de enviar el nombre de su nino(a) y el nombre de la escuela que asiste, *Curriculum Director*, Allendale Public Schools, 6561 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale, Michigan 49401, 616-892-5570.