

## **BROOKVILLE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHILD FIND**

The Brookville Local School District is participating in an effort to identify children with disabilities, birth through age 21, who may be in need of special education services. For children ages 3-5, a disability means that a child has a documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication, motor skills, adaptive behavior, social emotional functioning, hearing impairment, visual impairment, cognitive ability and/or autism. For school age students, a disability means that a student has been identified as having one or more of the following disabilities: autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment including deafness, orthopedic impairment, multiple disabilities, cognitive disability, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment and/or visual impairment including blindness.

Public schools have responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of free appropriate public education regardless of a child's disability. However, before school districts can serve children, they must be identified. Many unidentified children are preschoolers, and parents may not be aware their child has a disability, or that there are programs and services available.

Brookville Local Schools continues to seek the assistance of parents and guardians of children with suspected disabilities who are not presently served. District personnel will request information about the child. Information may be collected in several ways including interviews, observations, screenings and testing.

The Brookville Local School District is committed to educating all children with disabilities. We currently serve children with special needs from ages 3-21. If you have, or know of, a child who may have a disability, please contact Chelsea Hoelzle, Director Student Services, at 833-6419 for more information.

## **IDEA PART-B FUNDING**

The Brookville Local School District receives federal money from the IDEA Part-B Funding for the education of handicapped children. The district serves special needs children from ages 3 to 21. Children who live in the district attend programs both here and in special classes throughout the county. Money is used to employ support personnel who work with these children and for equipment to meet special needs. Services are also contracted from Montgomery County to meet the needs of children in the district.

The general public is invited to make comments on the expenditures of these funds by writing to Mr. Timothy Hopkins, Superintendent, 75 June Place, Brookville, Ohio 45309.