

**The Family Support Resource  
Center office is located at:**

**Kent County Middle School  
402 East Campus Ave.  
Chestertown, MD 21620**

**For more information or to  
schedule a visit,  
contact us at:**

**[fsupport@kent.k12.md.us](mailto:fsupport@kent.k12.md.us)**

**410-778-5708**

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**To refer an infant or toddler  
for evaluation, contact the  
KCPS Special Education  
Department at:  
410-778-7164**

**To start the screening and  
assessment process for  
school-age children, contact  
the principal of your child's  
school.**



## **Kent County Public Schools**

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- *Do you have concerns about a child who seems to be lagging behind other children in development?*
- *Is your student receiving special education services for a physical or learning disability?*

## What is the Family Support Resource Center?



We are an information and support resource for families and educators of children who receive special education services through Kent County Public Schools,

including infants, preschoolers, and students who remain in high school until age 21. We are part of a network of centers around the state, supported by the Maryland State Department of Education.

## Who are the children?

About 13% of Kent County students receive special education services. Their disability may be obvious, such as a physical disability, or hidden, such as a learning disability like dyslexia. The majority spend most of their time in a general education classroom but may spend varying amounts of time each week with one or more specialists – for occupational therapy or extra reading help, for example. Other specialists may visit the home of an infant experiencing developmental delays or the preschool of a toddler who has difficulty speaking.

The **Family Support Resource Center** assists families of children with special needs by offering programs, resources, and other assistance that can help them to become effective partners with teachers and specialists in the education decision-making process.

For any age child, the goal of the Family Support Resource Center is to help develop partnerships between parents and professionals, which could include educators, therapists, and health care providers. Whether the child is being evaluated for services or already has an Individualized Education Program, the more input parents provide into the process, the better the resulting program can be for the child.

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Please contact the Family Support Resource Center if you are looking for more information on a specific disability, or for guidance with the processes of identifying a child with a disability, obtaining early intervention services, or working with your child's school to secure appropriate accommodations and special education services.



## Our Lending Library

The Family Support Resource Center maintains a library of books, videos and other materials available for borrowing by families and educators.

## Library topics include:

- ADD/ADHD
- Assistive Technology
- Autism/Asperger's Syndrome
- Behavior
- Child Development
- Discipline
- Down Syndrome
- Dyslexia
- Early Intervention
- Executive Functioning
- IEP Process
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Health
- Parenting
- Play Activities
- Section 504
- Sensory Processing Disorder
- Social Skills
- Special Education
- Speech/Language Problems
- Teaching Children with Special Needs
- Transition