

# About Build Up

## We're here to help – right in your local school district

As a parent, you want to prepare your child for everything. If you notice that he or she may have a developmental delay, call Build Up for help. We offer free services for children ages 3 through 5 years, right where they learn – in their environment, at their speed, for their future.

Build Up helps you address issues such as speech difficulties, learning disabilities and social skills. We understand that children sometimes require additional support while they learn to read, write, speak, share and interact. If your child is experiencing developmental delays, contact Build Up today.

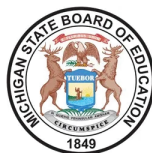


Build Up is dedicated to providing eligible preschoolers with the support they need to get ready for kindergarten.

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# Concerned about your preschooler?



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LEARNING SUPPORT  
FOR PRESCHOOLERS

# Mark each milestone

Your child will demonstrate many milestones between ages 3 and 5 that help determine the rate of his or her development.

## Age 3

- Copies adults and friends
- Takes turns in games
- Follows instructions with two or three steps
- Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people
- May get upset with major changes in routine
- May copy a circle with a pencil or crayon
- Turns book pages one at a time
- Runs easily

## Age 4

- Enjoys doing new things
- Would rather play with other children than by him/herself
- Sings a song or says a poem from memory such as "Itsy Bitsy Spider" or "Wheels on the Bus"
- Can say first and last name
- Able to name some colors and numbers
- Catches a bounced ball most of the time
- Often can't tell what's real and what's make-believe

## Age 5

- Hops; may be able to skip
- Can print some letters or numbers
- Likes to sing, dance and act
- Is aware of gender
- Can tell what's real and what's make-believe
- Can play simple games such as Candy Land and Go Fish
- Wants to be like friends
- Is sometimes demanding and sometimes very cooperative

## Special education services are available to you at no cost!

### In three easy steps, get connected:

- 1** Visit [BuildUpMi.org](http://BuildUpMi.org) to learn about services and eligibility.
- 2** If you feel that your child may qualify for special education services, call your Child Find Coordinator listed on the Build Up website or call 888-320-8384 (the Michigan Special Education Information Line).
- 3** Your local Child Find Coordinator will explain the resources available and help determine the next best steps for your child.  
  
If at any time you think your child may have a delay or disability that qualifies him or her for special education, you may request an evaluation in writing.

Through your public school district, special education supports and/or services are available for preschool-aged children (ages 3 through 5) who qualify. If you are concerned that your child may have a disability that is getting in the way of learning, get connected.

**Call your local Intermediate School District OR the Michigan Special Education Information Line at 888-320-8384.**

A recommendation may be made to screen your child or complete an evaluation to determine if your child is eligible. Evaluations take place during the regular school year (September-May).

