

# NEWS RELEASE

The Arlington School District is a member of the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative along with 23 other area school districts. The purpose of this membership is to provide services to special needs children in the district. It is very important to provide educational assistance to children in need at the earliest possible age. Children can receive services prior to reaching school age. If you as a parent or concerned citizen are aware of children who may be in need of services please call (605)983-5598 and ask for Chris Lund.

The services available, along with a brief description of each, include:

**A. Speech and Language Therapy**

Individual communication disorders are identified and remedial services provided to those in need.

**B. Early Childhood**

Both school and home based programs are provided to preschool children ages birth - five in need of special assistance due to low intellectual ability, physical impairments, social-emotional difficulties, and language difficulties.

**C. School Psychology Assistance**

Psychoeducational assessments and programming recommendations are provided to students in need of special education due to learning disabilities, low intellectual ability, social-emotional and behavioral difficulties. Consultation is available to school staff, students and parents.

**D. Center-Base Program**

The NESC currently operates three day programs which broaden the special education services in the school setting, thereby allowing the child to be educationally served closer to home. The program seeks to develop daily living, academic, and social skills for each student involved.

**E. Occupational and Physical Therapy**

The NESC provides these services in order to make them available to children who otherwise may not benefit from instruction without them.