

## **PUBLIC AWARENESS NOTICE**

### **TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN BENTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In compliance with state and federal law, notice is hereby given by the Benton Area School District that it conducts on going identification activities as a part of its school program for the purpose of identifying students who may be in need of special education and related services. If your child is identified by the district as possibly in need of such services, you will be notified of applicable procedures. Individualized services and programs are available for children who are determined to need specially designed instruction due to the following conditions:

- Autism
- Deaf/Blindness
- Visual Impairment including Blindness
- Hearing Impairment
- Mental Retardation
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Physical Disability
- Emotional Disturbance
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech and Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury

If you believe that your school-aged child may be in need of special education services and related programs, or young child (age 3 to school-age) may be in need of early intervention, screening and evaluation processes designed to assess the needs of the child and his/her eligibility are available to you at no cost, upon written request. You may request screening and evaluation at any time, whether or not your child is in the District's public school program. Requests for evaluation and screening are to be made in writing to:

Judi Lapinski  
Supervisor of Special Education  
Benton Area School District  
600 Green Acres Road  
Benton, PA 17814  
(570) 925-0944

For further information on the rights of parents and children, provision of services, evaluation and screening (including purpose, time and location), you may contact in writing the person listed above or any building principal.

**Confidentiality: All information gathered about your child is subject to the confidentiality provisions contained in federal and state law.** The District has policies and procedures in effect governing the collection, maintenance, destruction and disclosure to third parties of this information. For information about these policies and procedures, as well as rights of confidentiality and access to educational records, you may contact in writing the person named above or any building principal.