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than familiar with autism's wall of misconceptions. Her brother, 36, has autism.

At first, he was misdiagnosed as being mentally retarded, Plaza said. He was placed in special education classes until he was 20.

"I helped raise him with my mom," Plaza said. "My dad worked a lot... I'm probably the

closest to him.

"That's my driving force behind Clinton. He's only going to go up."

Not everyone sold

Not everyone is sold on including these children in regular classes.

Some parents worry having a

child with a disability affects the level of instruction to other kids in the classroom. Some teachers are also nervous.

Clinton was Jayne Cox's first child in the classroom with a mental disability. She wasn't worried, though.

Her own daughter was born with both mental and physical disabilities.

Sometimes, Cox adjusts the curriculum for Clinton. Other

kids understand, she said.

"The teachers are scared," Denise Moore said. "They want their children in a safe environment."

"It can work. No one is saying, 'Dump these kids in general ed.' You need the support to be there."

"My son, who they once told me wouldn't go to kindergarten, has made the honor roll," Denise said.



Opening new worlds: Acting impulsively (left), Clinton makes a grab for a stopwatch from around the neck of Joni Steinhaus. Mornings for the Moore youngsters (above) begin at home with play time on the computer. Clinton is with sister Rose, a first-grader.



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The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from AM Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 31500 Skidaway, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (810) 489-3316. Please call to verify availability.

SUSAN C. LIGHTNER, Secretary
Board of Education

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTHWESTERN OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1995 7:00 P.M.

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Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of cable television, as herein described, at the Novi Administration Building, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, Michigan. Phone: (810) 475-7256.

CAREN A. COLLINS, Executive Director
Southwestern Oakland Commission

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