

Child Find

Do you have a child or know of a child who seems to have difficulty learning?

Help is available.



What is the Purpose of Child Find?

The purpose of Child Find is to locate and evaluate children who are suspected of having a disability. If it is determined that the disability interferes with learning, special education and/or related services may be recommended.

Who may refer children?

- Anyone can refer a child, including:
- Parents/legal guardians
- Other family members
- Physicians
- School personnel
- Child care providers
- Community agencies
- Infants & Toddlers Program

When should a child be referred to Child Find?

- When birth complications or a medical disorder interferes with development and/or learning
- When the child seems to have difficulty understanding simple directions
- When the child seems to have difficulty hearing or seeing
- When you or others outside the family don't understand the child's speech
- When the child appears to be learning more slowly than other children his/her age
- When the child appears to have social or emotional difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn

What Happens in Child Find?

Step 1 - Referral

Referrals for Child Find need to be in writing. School staff can assist you in developing the referral and may want to meet with you to understand the nature of the concern.

Step 2 - Review

Staff from the district of residence will review the referral and your concerns. At this meeting, staff will talk with you to gather information about your concerns for your child and may brainstorm resources and strategies to assist you.

Step 3 - Evaluation

If assessment is deemed appropriate and written consent is provided, your child will be assessed to determine if he/she has a disability and is eligible for special education and/or related services. An Individualized Education Program (IEP) team meeting will be held with you to review the assessment.

Step 4 - IEP Team

If eligible, the team will develop an IEP based upon your child's educational needs. All services are provided in the least restrictive environment (LRE). They will be discussed and determined at the IEP meeting.

Child Find Resources

Infants & Toddlers

Birth to 2 years 9 months

559-662-4845 or 559-662-4844

Preschool & School Age Programs

2 years, 10 months to 19th birthday

Contact your child's school of attendance

- Alview-Dairyland Union School District 559-665-2394
- Bass Lake Joint Union School District 559-642-1565
- Chawanakee Unified School District 559-868-3343
- Chowchilla Elementary School District 559-665-8022
- Chowchilla Union High School District 559-665-1331
- Ezequiel Tafoya Alvarado Academy 559-675-2070
- Golden Valley Unified School District 559-645-3572
- Mariposa County Unified School District 209-742-0231
- Madera Unified School District 559-675-4500

- Raymond-Knowles Union Elementary School District 559-689-3336
- Sherman Thomas Charter Schools 559-674-1192
- Western Sierra Charter Schools 559-248-0471
- Yosemite Unified School District 559-683-8801

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