

# CHILD FIND



**Identify. Locate. Evaluate.**

## What is child find?

Child Find is the process by which districts and public charter schools **identify** and **locate** children needing evaluation.

All children **birth-21** with disabilities or suspected of having a disability, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of *special education* and related services, must be **identified**, **located**, and **evaluated**.

## Who can be part of child find?

- Any child age **birth-21** with a disability or suspected of having a disability
- Anyone concerned about a child can contact the Child Find representative for additional information and next steps.
- Districts are responsible for finding all students, including those parentally placed in *private schools*, children who are *homeschooled* and children who are *homeless*.
- Public charter schools are responsible for finding all students, including those who become homeless during enrollment.

## Disabilities & Services

- If a student qualifies for district/charter special education services, *these services are provided at no cost.*
- Children are evaluated to determine the presence of one or more of the follow disabilities:
  - Physical Disability
  - Deaf or Hard of Hearing
  - Visual Impairment
  - Deaf-Blindness
  - Intellectual Disability
  - Emotional Disturbance
  - Speech and/or Language
  - Autism
  - Orthopedic Impairment
  - Other Health Impairment
  - Traumatic Brain Injury
  - Learning Disability

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