

Child Find-A Search For All Children with Disabilities, Ages Birth-21 Years of Age

What is Child Find? Child Find is a process of identifying, locating and evaluating children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

Why is there Child Find? Both states and local education agencies are given the responsibility by federal and state laws to conduct child find activities so that children who need special services have the opportunity to receive those services.

What is the purpose of Child Find?

To promote public awareness of disabilities.

To alert parents, professionals, and the public to children who may have special needs.

To assist school districts in finding children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention.

To enable children and families to receive the special education and related services needed.

What does a disability mean? For age Birth - 3 years, an established condition known to result in a delay, or a documented developmental delay. For ages 3-5, a documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social emotional/behavioral functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills. For ages 5-21, identification of one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf/blindness, hearing impairment including deafness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment including blindness. If you know a child who may have special needs, help is available. Contact the following:

Justus-Tiawah Public School

Director of Special Services

Claremore, OK 74019

918-341-3626

Who can help? Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are used to help Justus-Tiawah School find any child, age birth to 21, who may have a disability and need special education and related services. If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify Justus-Tiawah Public School Director of Special Services at 918-341-3626.

What happens next? Justus-Tiawah Public School Director of Special Services will contact the parents of the child to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a special need exists. If a child is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate special education and related services.

