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# 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 a 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 Following disabilities:
  - Physical Disability
  - Deaf or Hard of Hearing
  - Visual Impairment
  - Deaf-Blindness
  - Intellectual Disability
  - Emotional Disturbance
  - Speech and/or Language
  - Autism
  - Health Impairment
  - Traumatic Brain Injury
  - Learning Disability

School districts and public charter schools must ensure that a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) is provided for children who are identified as needing special education and related services.