



CHILD FIND

Towns County Schools

What is Child Find?

Child Find is a process that districts use to identify, locate, and evaluate all children, in the district, birth through 21, who are suspected of having disabilities that may result in a need for special education and related services. A referral may be made by anyone who has a concern about a child's development.

Who does this include?

- Children, birth through 3, who may or may not be referred to and served by the state's early intervention program, Babies Can't Wait
- Preschool children, ages 3 through 5, who may not be enrolled in a Georgia-funded pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, including children who are parentally placed in private preschools or daycare centers outside the district
- Children who are enrolled in a public school within the district, including public charter schools
- Children who are parentally placed in private and homeschools
- Children who are attending charter schools within the district or in the area if it is designated as an individual district;
- Highly mobile children, including migrant, homeless, and children who are wards of the state
- Children served in community programs such as rehabilitation centers, daycare centers, etc.
- Children who are incarcerated in facilities operated by the local sheriff's office or other municipalities
- Any other children suspected of having disabilities

Eligible Special Education Categories

Autism Spectrum Disorder (AUT), Deaf-Blind (D/B), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH), Emotional Behavioral Disorder (EBD), Mild / Moderate / Severe / Profound Intellectual Disability (MIID, MOID, SID, PID), Orthopedic Impairment (OI), Other Health Impairment (OHI), Significant Developmental Delay (SDD), Specific Learning Disability (SLD), Speech Language Impairment (SLI), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Visual Impairment, including Blindness (VI)

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