

Child find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities aged birth to 21, who are need of early intervention or special education services.

Child Find is an ongoing cooperative effort that must involve state and local education agencies, parents, the community, professionals, related organizations, and private schools. This involvement is based on the premise that parents and public agency personnel, working cooperatively, can successfully locate and identify children in need of early intervention or special education and related services.

Who is Eligible?

- (a) Autism
- (b) Intellectual Disabilities
- (c) Visual Impairments
- (d) Hearing Impairments
- (e) Other health Impairments
- (f) Emotional Disturbance
- (g) Traumatic brain Injury
- (h) Specific Learning Disability
- (i) Speech or Language Impairment
- (j) Multiple Disabilities
- (k) Deaf-Blindness
- (I) Orthopedic Impairment





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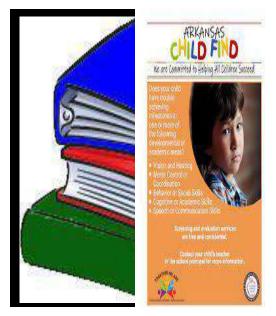
ARKANSAS CHILD FIND RESOURCE GUIDE

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What are the main components of child Find?

They **must identify, locate, and evaluate any kids who need special education**. This is called "Child Find." Looking for and finding these kids is an important first step toward getting them the help they need to thrive in school. When a school knows or thinks a child could have a disability, it must evaluate the child.



For more information on Child Find

Please contact your local area Educational Service Cooperative or your local school district.



CHILD FIND PLAN FOR:

(Program Name)

(Program Year)

- I. CHILD FIND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: Agencies Represented: II. Parent:
- III. School District, including
- IV. Charter Schools:
- V. Education Service Cooperatives:
- VI. Early Intervention Programs:
- VII. Private Schools:
- VIII. Medical Providers: Advocacy:
- IX. Other Related Agencies: Others as necessary:
- X. This child find plan covers the geographic boundaries of: _____

Our school district and staff are dedicated to implementing a progressive Child Find initiative.