

# Child Find

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The **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** requires all states to have policies and procedures in place to ensure that all children with disabilities who are in need of Special Education Services and Related Services are:

Identified

Located

Evaluated

This includes all children regardless of the possible severity of the disability and their personal circumstances. It includes children that are homeless, in foster care, involved in juvenile justice, homeschooled, attending a private school, or have other factors in their lives.

Child Find under the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** are in the Code of Federal Regulations 34 CFR 300.111 Child find

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## **Did You Know?!**

**Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973** includes a Child Find requirement. Section 504 has a broader definition of a disability when there is a reason to suspect a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Please see Section 504 regulations at 45 CFR Part 84.

## **Did You Know?!**

Child Find applies to all students from birth to age 21.

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If anyone has "reason to suspect" it would trigger Child Find.

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A **disability** is an impairment that interferes with a child's ability to learn. A disability is **described** as a child who has a mental, physical, or emotional impairment.

**Who can make a 'referral' for a special education evaluation?**

Anyone can refer a student for a special education evaluation. Examples would be:

- Parents or Guardians
- School Staff
- Health Care Providers
- Community Service Providers

**Who can make a referral for a Section 504 evaluation?**

Anyone can refer a student for a Section 504 evaluation.

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### **Did You Know?!**

A Child Find referral can be made for a student who:

- Has a medical concern(s)
- Has a cognitive or academic concern
- Has social, emotional, behavioral, or adaptive concerns
- Has sensory concerns (i.e. vision, hearing, etc.)
- Has fine motor or gross motor concerns

### **Did You Know?!**

The Child Find referral (request) is **not** asking for a student to have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The Child Find referral (request) is for the student to be evaluated for Special Education Services. If the student qualifies for services, (they are found 'eligible') then an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed to outline needs, goals, and Special Education and Related Services.