

Child Find

Child Search Awareness Month

WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

Child Find is a nation-wide effort to locate all children with disabilities, ages birth through twenty-one, who are not receiving educational services. Child Find is a part of Special Education in Louisiana schools. It is designed to identify, locate, and evaluate children who may be in need of early intervention or special education services and are not currently enrolled in school.

WHICH CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE?

Children ages birth through 21, who may have more difficulty learning than others. They may have trouble in one or more of the following developmental or academic areas.

- Speech or Language
- Vision or Hearing
- Physical or Orthopedic Adaptation
- Emotional Development
- Social Development
- Learning Development
- Intellectual Development

REFERRALS CAN COME FROM:

- A parent/guardian
- A teacher
- A counselor
- A student
- A family member

The earlier you express your concerns, the sooner your child's needs will be identified and the sooner he or she will receive the help need to succeed.

WHOM DO I CONTACT?

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***To report child abuse and neglect, call the DCFS Child Protection hotline at**

1-855-4LA-KIDS (1-855-452-5437)

toll free 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

