#### WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

Child Find is the process of identifying, locating and evaluating children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

# WHY IS THERE CHILD FIND?

Both state and local education agencies are given the responsibility by federal and state laws to conduct child find activities so that children who need special services have the opportunity to receive those services.

# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CHILD FIND?

- \* To promote public awareness of disabilities
- \* To alert parents, professionals, and the public to children who may have special needs
- \* To assist school districts in finding children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention
- \* To enable children and families to receive special education and related services

# WHAT DOES A DISABILITY MEAN?

For age Birth to 3 - An established condition known to result in delay, or documented developmental delay

For ages 3 through 5 - A documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social emotional/behavioral functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills

For ages 5 through 21 - Identification of one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf/blindness, hearing impairment including deafness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment including blindness.

#### WHO CAN HELP?

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are used to help school districts find any child, age birth - 21, who may have a disability and need special education and related services. If you are aware if a child who may have special needs, please notify his/her school district. Schools can do their job better with your help.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The school district will contact the parents of the child to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a special need exists. If the need is identified, the child can begin receiving special education and related services.

# **Resource Information:**

# OHIO COALITION FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



Executive Office - Marion 165 W. Center St., Suite 302 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chase Bank Building Marion, Ohio 43302

Toll Free - (800)-374-2806 For Parents ext 20, Martha Lause If you know of a child who may have special needs, help is available. Call your local school district at the number below:

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Location: 3220 Navarre Avenue, Oregon, Ohio 43616

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# A Search for Children with Disabilities

**Ages Birth - 21**