

Do you know ...

an infant, child or adolescent who does not learn easily? All individuals develop at their own pace, but some have more difficulty than others. There is a way to make a difference for these children and adolescents.

What is Child Find?

Child Find is a process designed to identify, locate, and evaluate individuals birth through 21 years of age with disabilities who may need special education services.

Who can begin the Child Find process?

Anyone can start the process. A parent, doctor, teacher, relative or friend can call their local school district or the Child Find contact at Region 5 Education Service Center:

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Contact the Special Education Director in your School District

Beaumont ISD	(409) 617-5277
Bob Hope	(409) 983-3244
Bridge City ISD	(409) 735-1550
Brookeland ISD	(409) 787-2338
Buna ISD	(409) 994-4895
Burkeville ISD	(409) 565-2201
Chester ISD	(409) 283-3752
Colmesneil ISD	(409) 283-3752
Deweyville ISD	(409) 746-2731
East Chambers ISD	(409) 296-8302
Ehrhart School	(409) 839-8200
Evadale ISD	(409) 276-1337
Evolution Academy	(409) 239-5553
Hamshire-Fannett ISD	(409) 794-1412
Hardin Jefferson ISD	(409) 981-6460
Harmony Science Academy	(409) 838-4000
High Island ISD	(409) 286-5313
Hull-Daisetta ISD	(936) 536-6321
Jasper ISD	(409) 384-9484
Kirbyville ISD	(409) 994-4895
Kountze ISD	(409) 246-3352
Liberty ISD	(936)-336-8701
LCM CISD	(409) 883-2232
Lumberton ISD	(409) 923-7453
Nederland ISD	(409) 724-2391
Newton ISD	(409) 420-6600
Orangefield ISD	(409) 735-4895
Port Arthur ISD	(409) 989-6225
Port Neches-Groves ISD	(409) 729-7644
Sabine Pass ISD	(409) 971-2321
Silsbee ISD	(409) 980-7844
Spurger ISD	(409) 283-3752
Tekoa Academy	(409) 982-5400
Vidor ISD	(409) 951-8710
Bmt Classical Academy	(409) 434-4549
Jasper Classical Academy	(409) 489-9222
Warren ISD	(409) 283-3752
West Hardin CISD	(409) 923-7453
West Orange-Cove CISD	(409) 882-5436
Woodville ISD	(409) 283-3752

Child Find



When your child has a special need, your school wants to point you in the right direction.



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Why should we refer an individual?

The early identification and intervention process can prevent failure and frustration. Special attention to teaching and learning strategies may help individuals overcome barriers to learning.

What happens after the individual is referred?

The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be contacted by the local school district. The parents and school will decide if an evaluation is needed. The same group may develop an evaluation plan designed to assess areas of concern. An evaluation will be conducted by qualified school district/agency personnel. Then the parents and evaluation personnel will have a meeting to talk about evaluation results, special education eligibility and services.

Who may qualify?

Help is available from your local school district for individuals who have the following disabilities according to federal and state criteria:

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deafness
- Hearing Impairments
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairments
- Other Health Impairment
- Emotional Disturbance
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairments
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment
including Blindness

How much do services cost?

All services provided through the school district are at no cost to the individual or parents.

What about young children?

The following programs provide services to children who are ages birth to three, delayed in their development or are born with a medical problem that is likely to cause a delay:

First Steps ECI (409) 784-5435
(Chambers, Hardin, Jefferson and Orange counties)

Burke ECI (877) 205-3630
(Jasper, Newton, Tyler counties)

The following programs provide services to children three and four:

Met Head Start (409) 246-8401
(Hardin, Chambers counties)

North Early Learning Center
(Orange county) (409) 882-5434

Wheatley School of Early Childhood
(Port Arthur ISD) (409) 984-8750

Bingman Head Start
(Beaumont ISD) (409) 617-6200

Tri-County Community Action Head Start (936) 598-6315
(Jasper, Newton, Tyler counties)