

Columbia School District Child Find

The COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT is participating in an ongoing, statewide effort to identify, locate, and evaluate children from birth through age twenty-one who have a physical, mental, communicative and/or emotional disability.

Early identification is important to each child who may be in need of special education experiences. Furthermore, this information collected from contacts with parents and agencies will be used to help determine present and future program needs as progress is made toward the goal of providing a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all children with disabilities.

The Child Find Director implements child find identification, location and evaluation of children birth through twenty-one who have a disability, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and/or related services.

The Child Find Director works with the

local Head Start, the Departments of Human Services, Health, and Mental Health, as well as local education agencies, physicians and other individuals to identify and locate children already in school as well as children not yet enrolled in school that may be in need of special education services.

Columbia School District has numerous special education programs in the district, which provide services to students who have a physical, mental, communicative and/or emotional disability. Included in these programs are early intervention services for pre-school children who have disabilities and are in need of Special Education services.

Contact the Columbia School District Child Find Director, Renea Rayborn, if you know any child who may have a disability and resides in the Columbia School District. Referrals are not limited to a specific number of requests or the time of the year the request is made.