

# What is the purpose of Child Find?

The purpose of Child Find is to locate and evaluate children who are suspected of having a developmental delay or disability. If it is determined that the disability interferes with the child's learning, early childhood special education and/or other additional services may be recommended. Other services may include (but not limited to) speech/language therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy.



## Who may refer children?

Children may be referred by any of the following:

- Parents/legal guardians
- Other family members
- Physicians
- School personnel
- Child Care providers
- Community agencies
- TEIS staff

Parental involvement and consent is needed for further action.

## When should a child be referred to Preschool Child Find?

- When a physical condition or medical disorder interferes with the child's development and/or learning
- When a child seems to have difficulty understanding simple directions
- When a child seems to have difficulty hearing or seeing
- When the parent or those outside the family do not understand what the child is saying
- When the child appears to be learning more slowly than other children his/her age
- When the child appears to have social or emotional difficulties that affect development
- When the child may not be meeting developmental milestones (physical, cognitive, adaptive, social-emotional, communication)

Concerns need not be limited to those listed above. Any condition which may affect a child's ability to learn can be the basis for a referral.



### *Overview of the Process*

**STEP 1: Request screening.** An appointment is scheduled with written parental consent for screening.

**STEP 2: Evaluation:** Evaluations will be conducted by the appropriate staff member.

**STEP 3: Eligibility Meeting:** The team meets to discuss evaluation results and determines eligibility for SPED services.

**STEP 4: Individualized Education Plan meeting (IEP)** The IEP is developed and placement of services will be determined.



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## Crockett County Child Find

### Preschool Child Find Program:

731-696-2604

3-5 years old

(Children NOT in Kindergarten)

### School-Age Program:

Contact the Administrator at your  
child's neighborhood school

5-21 years old

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Privacy Act (FERPA).*

For further information, contact any  
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## Comprehensive Child Find

Under the Individuals with  
Disabilities Act (IDEA),  
**Child Find** is a process of  
continuous public  
awareness activities  
designed to locate, identify,  
and evaluate children who  
may require early  
intervention or special  
education services. This  
brochure is designed to  
answer frequently asked  
questions regarding the  
Child Find process.