



**NORTH COASTAL CONSORTIUM
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Policy No. 3.0 – CHILD FIND

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<u>Legal Reference</u>	<u>Additional Codes and Regulations</u>
EC 56205(a)(3)	34 CFR § 300.101
EC 56301(d)(1)	
34 CFR § 300.111	
20 USC 1412(a)(3)	

It shall be the policy of this LEA that all children with disabilities residing in the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless or are wards of the State and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located, and evaluated. A practical method has been developed and implemented to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services.

The North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) and its member districts ensure that all individuals with disabilities 0 - 21 years of age regardless of the severity of their disability who reside in the member districts shall be identified, located, and assessed. This will be accomplished through the use of a continuous child find system procedure that addresses the relationships among identification, screening, referral, assessment, planning, implementation, review, and the triennial assessment.

The continuous child find system will include children who are homeless; wards of the state; those who are suspected of being a child with a disability though they are advancing from grade to grade; highly mobile children, including migrant children; and children attending private, including religious, elementary and secondary schools.

Child Find procedures will include the written notification of all parents of their rights (Procedural Safeguards), and the steps necessary for the initiation of a referral for assessment to identify children with exceptional needs.