



Stephens County School System

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Through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, local public school systems are charged with *Child Find*. *Child Find* requires all school districts to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. Evaluations are designed to identify and meet a child's needs in five developmental areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication, social or emotional development, and adaptive development. It is the intent of *Child Find* to identify children of all ages with disabilities, but particularly young children, and provide early intervention services for these students. Early childhood interventions programs have been shown to yield benefits in academic achievement, behavior, educational progression and attainment, delinquency and crime, and labor market success, among other domains.

As part of our *Child Find* initiative, Stephens County Schools will be holding mass screenings. Children 2 years 6 months to 4 years of age AND Children 5 or 6 years of age who have not been attending public school are the target of this particular screening process.

Parents/guardians should contact Stephens County Schools Department of Exceptional Children at (706) 827-2813 to reserve a spot for these screenings. Screenings will be held:

Friday May 10, 2024
Big A Elementary School
289 Sorrells Rd
Toccoa, GA

Children younger than 2 years 6 months of age should be referred to the Babies Can't Wait Organization. Children already attending school who are suspected of having a disability will be referred for evaluation through the school's Response to Intervention (RTI) process. If you have a child of school age who is not enrolled in school and is suspected of having a disability, contact the Stephens County School System Office of Exceptional Children at (706) 827-2813.

Sincerely,

Brandy Stacy

Director of Exceptional Children

