

CHILD FIND

Child Find/SEARCH

WOCCE and its member districts actively and systematically seek out all individuals with exceptional needs, ages birth through 21, including infants and preschoolers and children not enrolled in public school programs who reside in the geographic area or are under the jurisdiction of the special education local plan area.

Each year the Orange County Department of Education publishes a notice in the Orange County Register informing parents of their right to refer their child to their local school district to determine eligibility for special education services.

Each district within WOCCE as part of its annual notification of parental rights and responsibilities provides information regarding a parent's right to request an educational assessment to determine eligibility for special education.

The local site administrator or his/her designee has the responsibility at the local school level for the coordination of the Child Find activities. Procedures are established at each school for informing the community on a continual basis of the program alternatives available for disabled children within WOCCE. WOCCE works in collaboration with other public agencies within Orange County to assure that local private schools, hospitals, pre-schools, Regional Center, Mental Health Agency, Head Start, and California Children's Services have been supplied with special education public information brochures to help parents, teachers, and the community in general become aware of the many special education opportunities that are available through the SELPA resources. Cable TV, Public Access TV, and local radio can also be used for public service announcements.

Child Find posters, in a variety of languages, describing the availability of services to disabled children and youth are available to each school site within the SELPA.

Child Find efforts are also carried out through the Student Study Team process.