

If you suspect an infant, child, or young adult of having a developmental delay or disability, your school district can open a window of hope for a brighter future. Special Services are available to eligible infants, children, and young adults identified with a disability in one or more of the following areas:

- Orthopedic Impairment
- Auditory Impairment
- Visual Impairments
- Deaf-Blindness
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Emotional Disturbance
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech and/or Language Impairment
- Autism
- Other Health Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury



The Typical Developmental Stages of a Child

3 months

Follows objects with eyes
Responds to loud noises
Makes cooing sounds
Smiles

6 months

Knows familiar faces
Plays with toes
Babbles
Sits with support

12 months

Pulls to standing position
Crawls on hands and knees
Places toys in bins
Says a few words

18 months

Follows simple instructions
Pulls off shoes & socks
Walks without help
Stacks blocks

2 years

Identifies parts of a face
Recognizes pictures
Says sentences
Plays alone
Runs

3 years

Rides a tricycle
Opens doors
Is toilet trained
Hops on one foot
Plays with other children



Services Available for Ages 3-21

The Process

Districts use information from a variety of sources to determine eligibility according to federal and state guidelines.

Services are developed by the Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee, typically consisting of the child's parents, an educator, an administrator and someone involved with testing. Each program is individualized to meet the needs of each child.

What is Child Find?

Child Find is a legal requirement for schools to find children who have disabilities and need services.

Identification is an important first step toward getting children the help they need to be successful in school.

Public schools in Texas provide for the special education of children who have a disability from ages 3 to 21, and in some instances beginning at birth.



For more information, contact the Special Education program at your local district or ESC Region 12 Child Find.

Child Find Hotline:
254-666-0911



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You can't
always see
a disability.
Child Find can help.