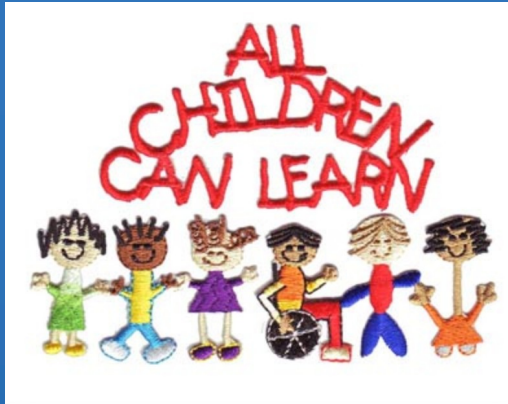


What is Child Find?

Child Find is a statewide effort by the State Department of Education and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities from birth to 21. The Bartlett City Schools Early Intervention and Special Education Services work closely with community service agencies, parents, and local school systems to locate children with disabilities.



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Early Intervention

Early intervention is intended for infants and toddlers who have a *developmental delay or disability*. Eligibility is determined by evaluating the child (with parents' consent) to see if the little one does, in fact, have a delay in development or a disability. Eligible children can receive early intervention.



When Should a Child be Referred to Child Find?

- A health or a medical disorder interferes with the child's development and or learning.
- A child seems to have difficulty seeing or hearing.
- A child appears to have social, emotional, or behavioral difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn or interact with others.
- A child has a diagnosed progressive or degenerative condition that will eventually interfere with the child's ability to learn.
- A child seems to have difficulty understanding directions like other children that are his/her age.
- Family or friends do not understand a child's speech.

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

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 (IEP) meeting: The IEP is developed and placement /services will be determined.