



## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CHILD FIND?

To register your child (ages three to five) for Child Find, call Caretha Hall at College Heights Early Childhood Learning Center at 404-370-4480.

## WHO DO I CALL WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT CHILD FIND?

Please contact the Director at College Heights Early Childhood Learning Center at 404-370-4480 with questions about Child Find.

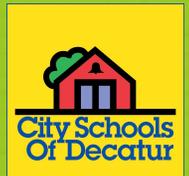


# Preschool Child Find

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# WHAT IS PRESCHOOL CHILD FIND?

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all public schools to have a practical method to locate, evaluate, and identify all children who have a disability and need special education and related services.

---☆ Preschool Child Find is part of the City Schools of Decatur's system for identifying children suspected of having delays in development.

If a young child is not meeting typical developmental milestones, or someone is concerned about the child's growth or learning, Child Find teams will assess how the child plays, learns, speaks, behaves and moves. The purpose of the screening (informal assessment) is to determine if there is a significant delay and a need for early intervention through Response to Intervention (RtI) or conduct full psychological evaluation. Child Find screenings are conducted at no cost to the parent or guardian.



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR PRESCHOOL CHILD FIND?

Children between the ages of 3-5, who are not yet in kindergarten, and who live within the City Schools of Decatur boundaries may be referred, by the parent/guardian, at any time when a family member, doctor, or childcare provider has a concern about the child's development.

---☆ For children from birth to three years of age, City Schools of Decatur partners with the Georgia Department of Public Health's early intervention system, Babies Can't Wait, for service coordination and eligibility determination. Please contact the state agency directly at 888-651-8224.

## WHEN SHOULD A CHILD BE REFERRED?

- ☆ When a physical condition or medical disorder interferes with the child's development and / or learning
- ☆ When a child seems to have difficulties hearing or seeing
- ☆ When the parent or those outside the family do not understand what the child is saying
- ☆ When the child appears to be learning more slowly than other children his/her age
- ☆ When the child appears to have social or emotional difficulties that affect development

## WHAT HAPPENS AT A PRESCHOOL CHILD FIND?

Step 1: The district social worker will talk with the parent/guardian to gather information about the child's developmental history. During this time the child is interacting with the Child Find team in a play format allowing the team to capture assessment data.

Step 2: The team will meet to discuss the compiled data. If data meets the criteria for possible early intervention, then the team will either begin the RtI process or recommend the child participate in an ARENA evaluation. The ARENA provides the basis for determination of whether or not the child is eligible for special education services.

Step 3: An eligibility meeting is held between the parent/guardian and the child's IEP team to discuss results and eligibility determination. If applicable, an IEP meeting is scheduled and the child is assigned a Case Manager.

Step 4 (if applicable): An IEP meeting is held with the Case Manager, parent/guardian, and identified staff to review developed IEP and placement of services.

