



Help **Child Find** Locate Children with Disabilities

What Is **Child Find**?

Child Find is a statewide effort by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to locate, identify, and evaluate children with disabilities from birth to age 21.

How Does **Child Find** Work?

Early Intervention and Special Education Services work closely with community service agencies, parents, and local school systems to locate children with disabilities. A toll-free number is provided for parents or other persons interested in information about referring a child from birth to age 21.

Why Is **Child Find** Important?

It helps the child, the family, and the provider to plan appropriate services and link families to services for students meeting eligibility requirements in the following disability areas:

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| ■ Hearing Impairment | ■ Speech and Language Impairment |
| ■ Deaf-Blindness | ■ Visual Impairment |
| ■ Intellectual Disability | ■ Specific Learning Disabilities |
| ■ Multiple Disabilities | ■ Autism |
| ■ Orthopedic Impairment | ■ Traumatic Brain Injury |
| ■ Other Health Impairment | ■ Developmental Delay |
| ■ Emotional Disability | |

For more information about **Child Find**, contact your local school system, local coordinating council, or call

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Ages 3-21

1-800-543-3098
Birth through 2



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