**PERRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**CHILD FIND**

 Perry County School District is participating in an ongoing district wide effort to

 identify, locate, and evaluate children birth through twenty years of age who reside

 in the Perry County School District and who are suspected of having a disability.

Early identification of children in need of special educational services is most important to each child. Furthermore, this information gathered from contacts with parents and other agencies will be used to help determine present and future program needs as progress is made toward the goal of providing a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all children with a disability.

The child find coordinator implements child identification, location and evaluation of children birth through twenty who have a disability, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and/or related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Child-Find Coordinator works with the local Head Start, Department of Human Services, Health Department, and Mental Health Agencies, as well as local education agencies, physicians and other individuals to identify and locate children out of school and in school who may be in need of special education services. Information which could identify an individual child will be maintained by this agency and will be provided to other agencies only in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

If you know of any child who may have a disability, please contact Lora Cooper, Special Services Director at (601) 964-3635 or by mail at the following address: P.O. Box 137, New Augusta, MS 39462, or email: lcooper@pcsdms.us

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