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Child Find

Is your child struggling in School or at Home?

If you are concerned about a child's development, the sooner the delay is discovered, the sooner help can be offered. Voicing your concern is the first step to identifying children who may be in need of intervention. All children grow and develop at different rates.

What is Child Find?

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) that requires school districts to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities. The goal is to locate, identify, and evaluate children who are between the ages of 3-21 who are in need of early intervention services or special education services. It is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screenings, and evaluation to locate, identify, and refer children as early as possible. To participate in an Early Intervention Program or Special Education, a child must meet eligibility guidelines according to the IDEA and Tennessee State regulations. This document is designed to answer frequently asked questions regarding the Child Find process.

Who can I contact?

- School age children: Zoned School
- Children under 2.5 years of age: Tennessee Early Intervention Services
1-800-852-7157
- Children in private schools: Zoned School or Cumberland County Schools Special Education Department 931-484-6135

What is the process?

- A review or screening of available information about the child is conducted. If the screening indicates the possibility of an educational disability, the child is evaluated in relevant areas with parental permission.
- If determined that the child has a disability and is in need of special education services, an individual education plan and/or Service Plan is developed depending on the child's age, disability, and educational needs.

What is the cost?

- Screening, assessment, evaluations, and all special education services which are determined to be necessary are provided free of charge.

What are your rights and responsibilities?

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Agencies: These agencies work with Cumberland County Schools to find children who may need special education services. If you are concerned about a child you know, please contact one of these agencies.

- Cumberland County Schools Special Education Department: 931-484-6135
- Tennessee Early Intervention Services: 1-800-852-7157
- Head Start: 931-484-4114
- Cumberland County Health Department: 931-484-6196
- Department of Human Services: 615-313-4700
- Department of Children's Services: 615-741-9701
- You may also contact your: zoned school, preschool, doctor, or clinic