

## Do you know ...

an infant, child or adolescent who does not learn easily? All individuals develop at their own pace, but some have more difficulty than others. There is a way to make a difference for these children and adolescents.

## What is Child Find?

Child Find is a process designed to identify, locate, and evaluate individuals birth through 21 years of age with disabilities who may need special education services.

## Who can begin the Child Find process?

Anyone can start the process. A parent, doctor, teacher, relative or friend can call their local school district or the Child Find contact at Region 5 Education Service Center:

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## Contact the Special Education Director in your School District

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Anahuac ISD                      | (409) 267-3600 |
| Beaumont ISD                     | (409) 617-5000 |
| Bridge City ISD                  | (409) 735-1550 |
| Brookeland ISD                   | (409) 787-2338 |
| Buna ISD                         | (409) 994-4895 |
| Burkeville ISD                   | (409) 556-2201 |
| Chester ISD                      | (409) 283-3752 |
| Colmesneil ISD                   | (409) 283-3752 |
| Deweyville ISD                   | (409) 746-2731 |
| East Chambers ISD                | (409) 296-8302 |
| Ehrhart School                   | (409) 839-8200 |
| Evadale ISD                      | (409) 276-1337 |
| Hamshire-Fannett ISD             | (409) 981-6460 |
| Hardin Jefferson ISD             | (409) 981-6460 |
| Harmony Science Academy          | (409) 838-4000 |
| High Island ISD                  | (409) 981-6460 |
| Hull-Daisetta ISD                | (936) 536-6321 |
| Jasper ISD                       | (409) 382-1074 |
| Kirbyville ISD                   | (409) 994-4895 |
| Kountze ISD                      | (409) 923-7453 |
| Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD | (409) 883-2232 |
| Lumberton ISD                    | (409) 923-7453 |
| Nederland ISD                    | (409) 724-2391 |
| Newton ISD                       | (409) 379-8403 |
| Orangefield ISD                  | (409) 735-2080 |
| Port Arthur ISD                  | (409) 989-6225 |
| Port Neches-Groves ISD           | (409) 962-9500 |
| Premier High School of Bmt.      | (409) 835-4303 |
| Sabine Pass ISD                  | (409) 971-2321 |
| Silsbee ISD                      | (409) 980-7844 |
| Spurger ISD                      | (409) 283-3752 |
| Tekoa Academy                    | (409) 982-5400 |
| Vidor ISD                        | (409) 951-8710 |
| Vista Academy, Beaumont          | (936) 434-4549 |
| Vista Academy, Jasper            | (409) 489-9222 |
| Warren ISD                       | (409) 283-3752 |
| West Hardin CISD                 | (409) 923-7453 |
| West Orange Cove CISD            | (409) 882-5418 |
| Woodville ISD                    | (409) 283-3752 |

# Child Find



*When your child has a special need, your school wants to point you in the right direction.*



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## Why should we refer an individual?

The early identification and intervention process can prevent failure and frustration. Special attention to teaching and learning strategies may help individuals overcome barriers to learning.

## What happens after the individual is referred?

The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be contacted by the local school district. The parents and school will decide if an evaluation is needed. The same group may develop an evaluation plan designed to assess areas of concern. An evaluation will be conducted by qualified school district/agency personnel. Then the parents and evaluation personnel will have a meeting to talk about evaluation results, special education eligibility and services.

## Who may qualify?

Help is available from your local school district for individuals who have the following disabilities according to federal and state criteria:

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deafness
- Hearing Impairments
- Mental Retardation
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairments
- Other Health Impairment
- Emotional Disturbance
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairments
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment  
including Blindness

## How much do services cost?

All services provided through the school district are at no cost to the individual or parents.

## What about young children?

The following programs provide services to children who are ages birth to three, delayed in their development or are born with a medical problem that is likely to cause a delay:

**First Steps ECI** (409) 784-5435  
(Chambers, Hardin, Jefferson and Orange counties)

**Burke ECI** (877) 205-3630  
(Jasper, Newton, Tyler counties)

The following programs provide services to children three and four:

**Met Head Start** (409) 246-3808  
(Hardin, Chambers counties)

**North Early Learning Center**  
(Orange county) (409) 882-5434

**Wheatley School of Early Childhood**  
(Port Arthur ISD) (409) 989-6100

**Bingman Head Start**  
(Beaumont ISD) (409) 617-6200

**Tri-County Community Action Head Start** (409) 283-7867  
(Jasper, Newton, Tyler counties)