

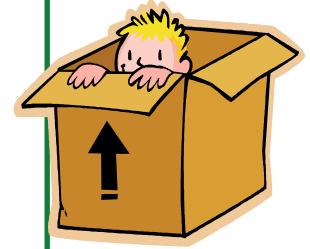
Child Find

A search for all children with disabilities

Medina
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What is the purpose of Child Find?

- *To promote public awareness of disabilities;
- *To alert parents, professionals, and the Public, to children who may have special needs;
- *To assist school district in finding children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention;
- *To enable children and families to receive the special education and related services that are needed.



What is Child Find?

Child find is the process of identifying and evaluating children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

Why is there Child Find?

Both state and local education agencies are given the responsibility by federal and state laws to conduct child find activities so that children who need special services have the opportunity to receive those services.

Who can help?

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees and concerned citizens are used to help Medina City Schools find any child, ages birth – 21, who may have a disability and needs special education and related services. If you are aware of a child who may have special needs, please notify the Medina City Schools' Department of Student Services or the school principal.

If you know a child who may have special needs, help is available. Contact the following:

The Medina City Schools
Office of Student Services
140 W. Washington St.
Medina OH 44256
Ph: 330-636-3090

What does disability mean?

For ages Birth to age 3 – an established condition known to result in delay, or a documented developmental delay.

For age 3 to 5 – identification of one or more of the following conditions:

Autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment including deafness, deaf-blindness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury and/or visual impairment including blindness.

What happens next?

Medina's Department of Student Services will contact the parent(s) of the child to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a special need exists. If a need is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate special education and related services.

The sooner we know, the better it goes for **EVERY** child.