Referral Sources

Who can refer

a child for an evaluation?

Parents
School Districts
Social Service Agencies
Day Care Programs
Physicians
Hospitals
Public Health Facilities

If your child has a disability or you suspect a disability, please contact:

Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

165 W. Center St., Suite 302
Marion, OH 43302
1-800-374-2806

www.ocecd.org
CHILD FIND
AGES 3 THROUGH 21

OHIO COALITION FOR THE EDUCATION OF
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
1-800-374-2806
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that a state identify, locate, and evaluate all children with a disability residing in the state, regardless of the severity of the disability. (Federal Regulation: 34 C.F.R. 300.128)

Child Find includes children that are:

- Homeless
- Advancing from grade to grade
- Migrant
- Enrolled in private school
- 3 through 21 years old
- Wards of the state
- Suspected of being a child with a disability

Every child in this country is entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education.
The Purpose of Child Find

- To assist school districts in finding children with disabilities who may not have come to the district’s attention.

- To promote public awareness of disabilities to parents, professionals and the general public to locate children who may have special needs.

- To enable children with disabilities to receive the special education and related services that they are entitled to by law.

Child Find ensures that procedures are in place to address the
- Identification
- Location
- Evaluation

of all children with disabilities who reside within the school district or attend a private school within the school district’s geographical boundaries.

IDEA looks at the developmental, functional, and academic needs of a child.