



## Do You Know a Child with Special Needs?



# Special Education

### What is Child Find?

The purpose of Child Find is to identify, locate, and evaluate children and youth ages 3 to 22 years of age who are suspected of having or have a diagnosed disability or developmental delay, in order to provide appropriate special education services under the law.

### When Should a Child Be Referred to Child Find?

A child should be referred when:

- A health or a medical disorder interferes with development and/or learning
- A child seems to have difficulty seeing or hearing
- A child appears to have social, emotional or behavioral difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn or interact with others
- A child has a diagnosed progressive or degenerative condition that will eventually impair or impede the child's ability to learn.
- A child seems to have difficulty understanding directions like others that are his/her age.
- A child's speech is not understood by family or friends.
- A child has difficulty with reading, writing, math, or other school subjects.

### What is Special Education?

Special education is instruction designed to meet the unique learning strengths and needs of the individual student with disabilities from ages 3 to 22 years of age.

It is defined as:

- specially designed instruction
- at no cost to the parents
- to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability.

Special education services may be provided in a variety of educational settings, but are required by IDEA to be delivered in the least restrictive environment.

### Who is Eligible for Services?

A student must be evaluated and identified as having a disability to be eligible for special education programs and related services. The degree of the student's impairment must require special education.



The disability categories are:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Deaf-Blindness
- Developmental Delay (Early Childhood)
- Emotionally Disability
- Language/Speech Impairment
- Cognitive Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Blind or Low Vision

### How Can Children Be Referred?

A referral may be made by a parent or by any person concerned about a child. Parent involvement and agreement is obtained prior to any further action. Information is confidential and the privacy of children and parents is protected.

### District Contacts

<b>Lebanon</b>	765-482-0380
<b>Clinton Central</b>	765-249-2515
<b>Clinton Prairie</b>	765-659-1339
<b>North West Hendricks</b>	317-994-4100
<b>Rossville</b>	765-379-2990
<b>Western Boone</b>	765-482-6333



### Early Intervention

- *If the child is 3 to 5 years of age, contact the Boone-Clinton North West Joint Services Office at 765-483-3090.*