

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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(409) 923-5422
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Contact the Special Education Director in your School District

Academy of Beaumont	(409) 833-1600
Anahuac ISD	(409) 267-3600
Beaumont ISD	(409) 617-5000
Bridge City ISD	(409) 735-1628
Brookeland ISD	(409) 787-2338
Buna ISD	(409) 994-4896
Burkeville ISD	(409) 379-8403
Chester ISD	(409) 283-3752
Colmesneil ISD	(409) 283-3752
Deweyville ISD	(409) 746-7705
Ehrhart School	(409) 839-8200
Evadale ISD	(409) 276-1337
Hardin Jefferson ISD	(409) 981-6460
Harmony Science Academy	(409) 838-4000
High Island ISD	(409) 981-6460
Jasper ISD	(409) 384-9484
Kirbyville ISD	(409) 994-4896
Kountze ISD	(409) 923-7453
Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD	(409) 883-6970
Lumberton ISD	(409) 923-7453
Milburn Academy	(409) 833-7757
Nederland ISD	(409) 724-2391
Newton ISD	(409) 379-8403
Orangefield ISD	(409) 735-4895
Port Arthur ISD	(409) 989-6225
Port Neches-Groves ISD	(409) 962-9500
Premier High School of Bmt.	(409) 835-2882
Sabine Pass ISD	(409) 981-6460
Silsbee ISD	(409) 980-7800
Spurger ISD	(409) 283-3752
Tekoa Academy	(409) 982-5400
Vidor ISD	(409) 951-8710
Warren ISD	(409) 283-3752
West Hardin CISD	(409) 923-7453
West Orange Cove CISD	(409) 882-5407
Woodville ISD	(409) 283-3752

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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, Jefferson, Orange counties)
- Project Search ECI** (409) 385-3510
(Hardin county)
- Cornerstone 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** (409) 882-5434
(Orange county)
- Wheatley School of Early Childhood** (409) 985-9101
(Port Arthur ISD)
- Southerland Head Start** (409) 832-8326
(Beaumont ISD)
- Tri-County Community Action Head Start** (936) 598-6315
(Jasper, Newton, Tyler counties)