

Early Intervention

*If you are a parent/
guardian of a child age
birth to three years, who
demonstrates significant
delays or deficits in his/
her development, please
contact:*

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Child Find

A search for all
children with
disabilities ages
3—21



Child Find

WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

CHILD FIND IS THE PROCESS OF LOCATING AND EVALUATING CHILDREN WITH SUSPECTED DISABILITIES WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES. FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE ALL OHIO SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT ANNUAL CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES

WHY IS THERE CHILD FIND?

THE BARBERTON CITY SCHOOLS ARE OBLIGATED TO LOCATE AND EVALUATE ALL CHILDREN, AGES THREE THROUGH TWENTY-ONE, WITHIN THE DISTRICT, WITH SUSPECTED DISABILITIES. ALTHOUGH MANY SCHOOL-AGED DISABLED CHILDREN ARE IDENTIFIED AND CURRENTLY BEING SERVED BY THE BARBERTON HEAD START, CHILDREN AGES THREE THROUGH FIVE WITH DISABILITIES MAY BE UNIDENTIFIED BECAUSE PARENTS MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CHILD FIND?

- TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF DISABILITIES
- TO ALERT PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS, TO CHILDREN WHO MAY HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS
- TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS 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 does a disability mean?

For ages 3 through 5—A documented deficit in one or more of the following development areas:

Communication

Vision

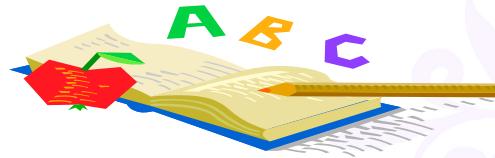
Hearing

Motor Skills

Social/Emotional Functioning

Self-help Skills

Cognitive Skills



For ages 5 through 21—identification of one or more of the following conditions:

Autism, Blindness

Traumatic Brain Injury

Hearing Impairment, including Deafness

Cognitive or Multiple Disabilities

Visual Impairment, including Blindness

Orthopedic Impairment

Other Health Impairment

Emotional Disturbance

Specific Learning Disability

Speech or Language Impairment

Who Can Help?

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are used to help school districts find any child, ages 3 through 21, who may have a disability and need special education and related services. If you know of a child in the Barberton City School District with a suspected disability who is not presently attending school or receiving services from another agency, please contact Mrs. Deidre Parsons, Director of Student Services for Barberton City Schools, 330-753-1025, ext. 13127.

What Happens Next?

Barberton City School personnel will contact the parent/guardian to find out if the child needs to be evaluated for a suspected disability. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a disability exists. If a disability need is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate special education and related services.

Please call us if you have further questions. We would be happy to assist and help you in this process.

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