



Local Education Agency/School System (age 3-21)  
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction  
Exceptional Children Division: 984-236-2550  
Office of Early Learning (age 3-5): 984-236-2740

Local Children's Developmental Services Agency (age birth-2)  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Public Health/Early Intervention Branch: 919-707-5520

Office of Citizen Services:  
CARE-LINE: 1-800-662-7030 • (TTY) 1-877-452-2514

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center:  
Parent Information Line: 1-800-962-6817

Family Support Network of North Carolina: 1-800-852-0042

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### What is Project Child Find?

An effort coordinated by your local school system and the Exceptional Children Division, State Department of Public Instruction, to:

- Locate and identify children and youth ages birth through 21 with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services.
- Inform parents and/or guardians of the services available from their local school system and other state and community agencies.

### Who Are the Children?

Children and youth who have been diagnosed or are suspected to have intellectual, physical, or emotional disabilities and are unable to benefit from a regular school program without special assistance.

### What Help is Available?

- A complete evaluation and, if appropriate,
- An Individualized Education Program for children with a disability beginning at age three,
- An Individual Family Service Plan for each child with a disability birth through 2, or
- A referral to other agencies when needed.

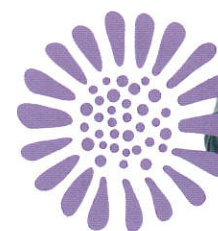
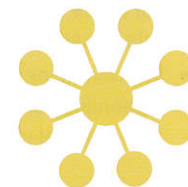
### How Can I Help?

If you know of a child or youth with disabilities who is not in school or receiving special assistance, you can help by:

- Giving a copy of this brochure to the parents or guardians of the child,
- Encouraging the parent/guardian to contact the superintendent, exceptional children director, principal, or the Exceptional Children Division of the Department of Public Instruction, and
- Lending support to the child and his/her parents/guardians until the referral is completed.

### Why Should I Help?

- A free appropriate public education is the right of every child with a disability, age 3 through 21.
- The law provides for early intervention services for children with a disability, birth through two years of age.
- Parents of children and youth with disabilities need your support and assistance.
- Your local school system and the Exceptional Children Division need your help in locating these children.
- Without your help, children with disabilities may not be found.



***Locating Children with Special Needs in Our Schools!***  
***Localizar a los Niños con Necesidades Especiales en Nuestras Escuelas!***