

Child Find



Early Learning Programs

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What is considered an educational disability?

- Autism
- Deafness
- Deaf/blindness
- Developmental delay
- Emotional disability
- Hearing impairment
- Intellectual disability
- Multiple disabilities
- Orthopedic impairment
- Other health impairment
- Specific learning disability
- Speech or language disability
- Traumatic brain injury
- Visual impairment



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What is Child Find?

Child Find is the federally-mandated process by which Baltimore City Public Schools identifies children ages three through 21 who may have an educational disability and may be eligible for special education and/or related services.

All states are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to develop and implement a practical method of determining the types of services to be provided to children identified with educational disabilities.

If you suspect that your child, age birth to 21, has a disability, contact Child Find today.

Children ages birth to two are eligible for early intervention services through **Infants and Toddlers at 410-396-1666**. Children ages three to 21 who are enrolled at a public, private, or parochial school in Baltimore City are eligible for **Child Find services by contacting Baltimore City Public Schools at 443-984-1101 or ChildFind@bcps.k12.md.us**. Preschool-aged children residing in Baltimore City who are not enrolled in a preschool program are also eligible for services.

Child Find referrals are for any child ages three to 21 who resides in Baltimore City and meets any of the following criteria:

- Attends a Baltimore City Public School
- Attends a private or parochial school in Baltimore City
- Is preschool age
- Attends a preschool in Baltimore City
- Home Schooled in Baltimore City
- Experiencing homelessness
- Is an immigrant
- Is a ward of the state

Who can submit a Child Find referral?

- Most referrals are made directly by a child's parents
- Agency representative
- Social worker
- Referrals (with parental consent) are made by medical professionals, child care providers, and other people familiar with the child's development

How can I access Child Find services or submit a Child Find referral?

- Contact Baltimore City Public Schools Child Find by calling 443-984-1011
- Email Baltimore City Public Schools Child Find at ChildFind@bcps.k12.md.us
- Submit a referral on City Schools' website at baltimorecityschools.org
- Children birth to age 2 may be referred to Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers program by calling 410-396-1666

What is the process?

- An initial meeting is scheduled to allow qualified professionals to screen and review pertinent information. When the review indicates the possibility of an educational disability, the child is evaluated through a series of appropriate assessments.
- Students with disabilities are entitled to a free, appropriate public education from birth to age 21 through an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or an Individualized Service plan (ISP) as appropriate. If the assessment results indicate that the child has a disability and is eligible for Special Education services, an IEP or ISP will be developed. An IEP or ISP will outline appropriate supports and interventions to help the child meet educational goals in school.

