



Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening, and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and evaluate/refer as early as possible, children with disabilities and their families who are in need of programs or services as outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

IDEA States: *All children with disabilities residing in the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the State, and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services are identified, located, evaluated.*

All children deserve a chance to reach their full potential. Project Child Find, a service to assist families of children who may have special needs, is here in Oklahoma to ensure that every child has that chance. ***The Oklahoma Parents Center (OPC) has a Project Child Find Hotline: 1-888-9-OKFIND or 1-888-965-3463.*** If there appears to be a delay in any area of your child’s development, you may seek assistance from Project Child Find. The OPC is available to guide families to the appropriate people and resources for their child.

Steps in the Child Find process:

- **Identify signs:** Care providers and educators look for signs of disabilities in children.
- **Report signs:** Care providers and educators report signs of disabilities to the appropriate authorities (PTPLA Special Education Department)
- **Screening and evaluation:** A professional evaluates the child to determine if they have a disability and what type of disability they have (School Psychologist/Psychometrist)

For a free evaluation for your child, or to report signs of disability, please contact us at the following:

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Email: Alara.Miller@ptpla.org or Call: (405) 870-8001