

The Process

Contact your District

Step 1 - Referral

Referrals for assessment under Child Find need to be in writing. School staff can assist you in developing the referral if you need, they may want to meet with you to understand the nature of the concern.

Step 2 - Review

For school age students, typically a Student Study Team (SST) meeting is convened to review the referral and your concerns. At this meeting, school staff will talk with you to gather information about your concerns for your child and may brainstorm resources and strategies to help.

Step 3 - Assessment

If assessment is appropriate and written consent is provided, your child will be tested to determine if he/she has a disability and is eligible for Special Education and/or related services. An Individual Education Program (IEP) team meeting will be held with you to review the assessment.

Step 4 - IEP Team

If appropriate, the team will develop an IEP based upon your child's educational needs. All services are provided in the least restrictive environment (LRE) and these will be discussed and determined as a team at the meeting.

Antelope Elementary School District

530-527-1272

Corning Union Elementary School District

530-824-7700

Corning Union High School District

530-824-8000

Evergreen Union School District

530-347-3411

Flournoy Elementary School

530-833-5331

Gerber Union Elementary School District

530-385-1041

Kirkwood Elementary School

530-824-7773

Lassen View Elementary School

530-527-5162

Lincoln Street School

530-528-7301

Los Molinos Unified School District

530-384-7826

Red Bluff Joint Union High School District

530-529-8700

Red Bluff Union Elementary School District

530-527-7200

Reeds Creek Elementary School

530-527-6006

Richfield Elementary School District

530-824-3354

Tehama eLearning Academy

530-527-0188



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Child Find



What is Child Find?

Child Find is part of the federal law called the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). It's a legal requirement that mandates school districts identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities, regardless of the severity. The Child Find mandate applies to all children (birth through age 21) who reside within a State, including children who attend private schools and public schools, highly mobile children, migrant children, homeless children, and children who are wards of the state.

School districts are required to have a process for identifying and evaluating children who may need special education or related services. If it is determined that the disability interferes with learning, special education and/or related services may be recommended. All special education services are decided upon by an IEP (Individual Education Program) team and are delivered in the least restrictive environment. Services may include (but are not limited to) speech/language therapy, assistive technology, occupational therapy, adapted physical education, behavioral services, counseling, and physical therapy.

When to Refer a Child

- When birth complications or a medical disorder interferes with development or learning
- When the child seems to have difficulty understanding simple directions
- When the child has difficulty hearing or seeing
- When it is hard to understand the child's speech
- When the child appears to be learning more slowly than other children his/her age
- When the child appears to have social or emotional difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn
- When a child is having trouble reading
- When a child's gross/fine motor skills are delayed



Who can Make a Referral?

Parents, teachers, private schools, community agencies and individuals within the community who suspect that a child may have a disability may make a referral to a public school entity to determine if the child may have a qualifying disability and need special education. Any person wishing to make a referral should contact the child's district of residence.



Early Start

The Tehama County Department of Education Early Start Program provides services to eligible infants and toddlers aged birth to three and their families. Eligible children include those who may have developmental delays or a condition that is an established risk for developmental delays. Anyone can make a referral by calling 530-527-8581.