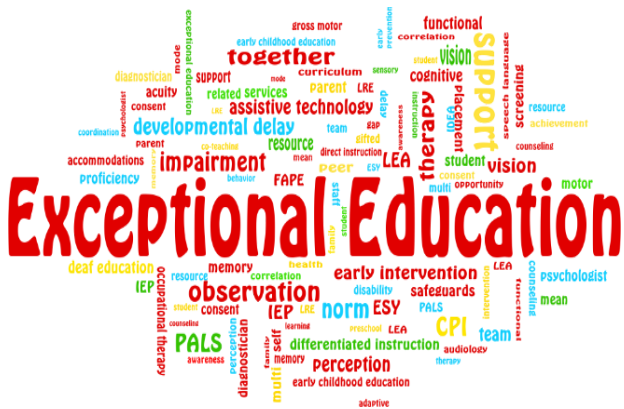


# Who Can Refer Children to Child Find Services?

- Parents / Guardians
- Health Care Providers
- Community / Agencies
- Child Care Programs

## Areas of suspected disability include:

- Autism
- Developmental Delay
- Functional Delay
- Intellectual Disability
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech and Language Impairments
- Vision or Hearing Impairments
- Other Health Impairments
- Orthopedic Impairments
- Emotional Disturbance
- Intellectually Gifted



# Who Can I Contact?

For students enrolled in a Hamilton Co. school, contact your principal.

For students 2.5-5years old, contact HCS Amy Piazza Preschool Assessment Center: 423-498-7200 (Carrie Melford, Secretary)

For private school students, contact HCS Private & Homeschool Assessment Team: 423-498-7240 (Wendy Davis, School Psychologist)

Additional resources may be available by contacting your preschool, daycare, doctor, and/or local health department.




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# What is Child Find?

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA) that requires school districts to identify, locate and evaluate all children with disabilities ages 3 to 21 who are in need of early intervention services or special education services. It is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screenings, and evaluations to locate, identify, and refer children as early as possible.

## How Does Child Find Work?

The purpose of Child Find is to **identify**, **locate**, and **evaluate** those who need special education and related services.

## IDENTIFY

Individuals concerned about a student currently enrolled in a Hamilton County school can contact the child's school principal.

Assessment Team members may include: Parents / guardians, school psychologist, SLP, teacher, school counselor, social worker, principal, and other assessment specialists (if appropriate).



## Locate

**Support-Based RT12 Data Review Teams may:**

- Review data in the area (s) of concern
- Brainstorm ideas to address specific concerns in the classroom
- Consider hearing, vision, health, nutrition, and environmental factors
- Determine interventions and who implements
- Discuss future actions, progress, and outcomes

## EVALUATE

When referred for a special education evaluation, an Assessment Team meeting will convene. A multi-disciplinary Assessment Team is a team of individuals that complete evaluation components aimed at establishing a student's present levels of performance; considering the student's strengths and needs; and determining if a student meets TDOE eligibility standards for a suspected educational disability. Academic readiness / achievement, cognition, adaptive behavior, motor, social, and emotional are among the areas that may