

Child Find is a federal program mandating that school districts must "identify, locate and evaluate" students who may be eligible for special education services. The Child Find Team is involved in screening, evaluating and making recommendations about services for children ages 3-21 who attend a preschool, daycare or private/parochial school within the Delaware school district feeder pattern. This service is provided at no cost to the parent.

Preschool Children

Developmental screenings are provided for preschoolers at area daycares and preschools. The areas that are screened include motor skills, language and basic concepts. The screening helps to determine whether a child has a potential delay as compared to others of the same age group. If there is a potential area of difficulty, the Child Find Coordinator contacts the parent and further testing may be recommended. If the child is found to be eligible for special education services, an appropriate program is made available to the child through the public school system free of charge.

Parents know their child best. Parents who have concerns about their preschooler's development may call the Child Find Office directly and initiate a referral. The referral and evaluation are at no cost to the parent.