

# ARKANSAS CHILD FIND

Helping All Children Succeed

Do you have concerns about your child's development or progress in school?

## What Is Child Find?

Child Find is part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA '04) that requires states to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, ages birth through 21 years, who are in need of early intervention or special education services.

## Developmental and Educational Services for Children Ages Birth through 21 Years

Some children have more difficulty learning than others. They may have trouble in one or more of the following developmental or academic areas:

- Vision and Hearing
- Motor Control or Coordination
- Behavior or Social Skills
- Speech or Communication Skills
- Academic Skills

A referral for early intervention or special education services can come from:

- a parent
- guardian
- foster parent
- family member
- teacher
- counselor
- student who finds learning difficult

The earlier you express your concerns, the sooner your child's needs will be identified and the sooner he or she will receive the help needed to succeed.

## Help for Infants and Toddlers

Children ages birth to 3 years are screened through Arkansas First Connections, <https://dhs.arkansas.gov/dds/firstconnectionsweb/#fc-home>, or telephone number is 1-800-643-8258.

## Help for Preschool and School-Aged Children

Contact your local school district or the charter school your child attends. If your child attends a private school, contact the district office at the school district in which the private school is located.



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