

## **WHO DO I CONTACT?**

### **AGES 3 THROUGH 21:**

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# **Child Find**

**A Continuum from  
Birth Through Age 21**



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## WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

Child Find is a process through which children with special needs are identified. Infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children who may have, or who are identified with developmental problems interfering with their educational progress may be referred.

## WHO MAY REFER?

- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Other Family Members
- ✓ Community Agencies
- ✓ Teachers
- ✓ Physicians
- ✓ Private School Personnel
- ✓ Caroline County Infants & Toddlers Program
- ✓ Daycare/Nursery Schools

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Residents of Caroline County from birth through age 21, with suspected or diagnosed delays in thinking and reasoning, speech and language, motor skills, self-help skills, social and adaptive behavior.

## WHEN SHOULD A CHILD BE REFERRED TO CHILD FIND?

A child should be referred:

- ✓ When birth complications or a medical disorder interferes with learning
- ✓ When a child seems to have difficulty hearing or seeing
- ✓ When a child seems to have difficulty understanding simple directions
- ✓ When a child's speech is not understood by friends or others outside the family
- ✓ When a child appears to be learning more slowly than other children his or her age
- ✓ When a child appears to have social or emotional difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn

Concerns need not be limited to those listed above. Any condition which may affect a child's ability to learn can be a basis for a referral.

## WHAT ARE THE SERVICES AVAILABLE?

Evaluations:

- ✓ Cognitive ability
- ✓ Achievement (Reading, Math, etc.)
- ✓ Speech/Language Skills
- ✓ Gross Motor Skills
- ✓ Fine Motor Skills
- ✓ Self-Help skills
- ✓ Social/Adaptive Behavior
- ✓ Hearing Vision

## WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF CHILD FIND?

To help provide services for children, from birth through age 21, who have developmental or educational problems.

To assist parents in obtaining appropriate community and educational services.

To promote county awareness of the needs of children with actual or potential disabilities and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention.

## WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS?

Similar services are available for children from birth through age 2 through the Infants & Toddlers Program of Caroline County.