

Child Find

If you have a child between the ages of birth-3 and you suspect they may have a disability, you may contact (add link) Arizona Early Intervention Program or local education agency campus, or call (520)719-1200 for further support.

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires Public Education agencies (PEA) to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged from birth through 21, located within their boundaries of public school district, who are in need of early intervention or special education services.

I. Public Awareness

The Baboquivari Unified School District, on an annual basis, creates public awareness of special education opportunities and advises parents of the rights of children with disabilities. Through Child Find, the district attempts to locate, identify, and evaluate students from ages 3 to 21, residing within the district boundaries or students attending private/parochial schools located within the district boundaries who may be in need of special educations and/or services. The district will ensure that district staff and general public are informed of:

1. The availability of special education services;
2. Student rights to a free, appropriate public education;
3. Confidentiality protections;
4. The special education referral process; and
5. Information regarding early intervention services for children aged birth through 2 years.

II. 45-Day Screening of School-Aged Children

All preschool, kindergarten and other new students to the school district will be screened within 45 days of enrollment using the 45-day screening form. Teacher data is collected for a period of 45 days, and the screener is completed on or after the 45th day of school, but not before. The screening will be conducted to identify possible problems in the areas of vision, hearing, academic skills, cognitive development, psychomotor skills, communication, and social-emotional development. If the screening results indicate a possible concern, the student will be referred to the school's MTSS/Intervention team to engage in initiating interventions.

III. Screening Early Childhood Special Education Program

Early Childhood Special Education Services (ECSE) are offered to eligible children, ages 3 to 5 years of age who have been identified through the district's child find process. Tohono O'odham Special Services accepts referrals from birth to 3 years from parents, doctors, social services, and community members. Child Find procedures for early childhood special education children are as follows:

1. The screening staff will schedule the child for vision, hearing, and appropriate developmental screening test.
2. If the Child passes the developmental screening test, the parent will be given a copy of screening results.
3. If the child fails the developmental screening test, the child's referral will be forwarded to the early childhood special education evaluation team at the local school district. The early childhood special education coordinator will contact the parents to schedule a review of existing data and potential comprehensive evaluation.
4. If the parents disagree with the screening results, they may request an additional assessment. The evaluation team, including the parents, will decide whether to complete a comprehensive developmental assessment of the child.