

## **What is Child Find?**

Child find is the process of identifying and evaluating children with disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services. Both state and local education agencies are given the responsibility by federal and state laws, to conduct child find activities so that children who need special services have the opportunity to receive those services. Qualifying children who are age 3 through 22, are eligible for special education services.

## **What is the purpose of Child Find?**

- ❖ To promote public awareness of disabilities; Children served in Home-School environments, in non-public settings and homeless children are all part of the Child Find Requirements.
- ❖ To alert parents, professionals, and the public, to children who may have special needs;
- ❖ To assist school district in finding children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention;
- ❖ To enable children and families to receive the special education and related services that is needed.