



Schools shall maintain an ongoing program to find unserved children who might qualify for special education or Section 504 services. This is known as Child Find. The Child Find mandate applies to all children who reside within a state, including children who attend private schools and public schools, highly mobile children, migrant children, homeless children, and children who are wards of the state. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(3)). See Child Find requirements below:

- LEAs are required to accept and review all written referrals; provide assistance to parents, if needed, in completing the written referral; and inform parents who make an oral referral that it must be in writing.
- The determination to conduct an evaluation is made based on the review of existing data. If the IEP or 504 Team, based on the review of existing data, determines not to conduct an evaluation, parents must be provided prior written notice and the procedural safeguards.
- Examples of advertising opportunities include, but are not limited to: churches, daycares, pediatrician offices, newspapers, public/private school bulletin boards, CDSAs, public libraries, DSS, Mental Health, Health Department, public service announcements on radio and television, Chamber of Commerce publications, etc.

Go to the following link for additional information: <https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/policies/project-child-find/childfind-poster.pdf>