

**What is Child Find?**  
**The purpose of Child Find is to locate and evaluate children who are suspected of having a developmental disability.**

**If it is determined that the disability interferes with the child's learning, special education and/or other additional services may be recommended.**

**Other services may include (but are not limited to) speech/language therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy.**

*We conduct multi-disciplinary evaluations and consultations for children who are three to twenty-two years of age who are suspected of having a disability and reside within the boundaries of the Sierra Sands Unified School District.*

*Early Start services are also available for children from birth to three years of age who have vision, hearing or orthopedic disabilities.*

*All Services are confidential and provided at no cost to the family.*

## **CONTACT US**

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## Who may refer children?

Parents and/or Guardians

Other Family Members\*

Physicians\*

School Personnel\*

Child Care Providers\*

Community Agencies\*

*\*Parent Consent is required for further action*

## When Should a child be referred?

- *When a physical condition or a medical disorder interferes with the child's development and/or learning*
- *When the child seems to have difficulty understanding simple directions*
- *When the child seems to have difficulty hearing or seeing*
- *When the parent or those outside the family do not understand what the child says*
- *When the child appears to be learning more slowly than other children his/her age*
- *When the child appears to have social or emotional difficulties that affect his/her development*
- *When your child may not be meeting developmental milestones*
- *Concerns need to be limited to those listed above. Any condition which may affect a child's ability to learn can be the basis for a referral.*

## Where do I ask for help?

If you suspect your child may have a disability and your child is currently enrolled in a Sierra Sands Unified School, please write a letter addressed to your child's school with the following information:

- Your child's name and date of birth
- Parent or Guardian's name and contact information
- What your concern is and what you would like your child to be evaluated for.



If you reside within the SSUSD boundaries but your child is not enrolled with SSUSD, please address a letter to the school your child would be zoned for with the above information. Please contact the SELPA office if you need further assistance.

