

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE (AND REPEATED) BROADCAST

[INSERT PROGRAM NAME} Announces Child Find Efforts

CHILD FIND IS A FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED, COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM DESIGNED TO ASSURE THAT EACH CHILD, REGARDLESS OF DISABILITY, IS EDUCATED TOWARD HIS OR HER MAXIMUM POTENTIAL. THE PURPOSE OF CHILD FIND IS TO LOCATE, IDENTIFY, AND EVALUATE INFANTS, CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS THROUGH AGE 21 WHO MAY HAVE A DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY OR OTHER DISABILITIES.

[INSERT DISTRICT OR PROGRAM NAME AND ITS MEMBER DISTRICTS] OFFER[S] COMPREHENSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS AGES THREE THROUGH 21 YEARS AND TO CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH AGE 21 YEARS WHO HAVE A HEARING OR VISUAL IMPAIRMENT. CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE THREE WITH OTHER DISABILITIES WILL BE REFERRED TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES FOR SERVICES. ALL REFERRALS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL, AND SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO THE FAMILY.

IF YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO MAY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH LEARNING, SPEECH, VISION, HEARING, OR WHO HAS PHYSICAL OR HEALTH IMPAIRMENTS, PLEASE URGE HIS OR HER PARENTS TO CONTACT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THEIR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT. IF YOU OR THE PARENTS DO NOT KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY, YOU CAN OBTAIN THE PHONE NUMBER FROM ANY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT.

A FREE, APPROPRIATE, PUBLIC EDUCATION WITH A FULL CONTINUUM OF SERVICES IS AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN. CHILD FIND CAN OPEN THE WINDOW OF HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE.