Child Find Resources:

Infants and Toddlers Program:
If you are a parent/guardian of a child aged birth to three years who demonstrates significant delays or deficits in his/her development, please contact Ohio Department of Children & Youth, Help Me Grow at 216.698.7500.

Preschool Child Find Program:
Ages: 2 years 10 months- 5 years (Preschoolers not in kindergarten), please contact 440.356.6006

School Age Program:
Contact the Administrator of your child's school of attendance.
Ages: 5-21

ROCKY RIVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHILD FIND

A SEARCH FOR ALL CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (AGES 3 yrs. – 21 yrs.)

WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

Federal, state and local regulations require all Ohio schools to conduct annual child find activities. Child Find is the process of locating and evaluating children with suspected disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

WHY IS THERE CHILD FIND?

The Rocky River City School District is obligated to locate and evaluate all children, ages three through twenty-one, within the district, with suspected disabilities. Although many school-aged children that are disabled currently are identified and being served by the Rocky River City School District, preschool children, ages three through five, with disabilities may be unidentified because parents may not be aware that programs and services are now available through the Rocky River City School District.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CHILD FIND?

- To promote public awareness of disabilities
- To alert parents, professionals and the public to children who may have special needs
- To assist school districts in finding children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention
- To enable children and families to receive needed special education and related services

WHAT DOES A DISABILITY MEAN?

For ages three through five

A documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social emotional/behavioral functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills.

For ages five through twenty-one

Identification of one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf-blindness, deafness, developmental delay, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment including blindness.

WHO CAN HELP?

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help school districts find any child, three through age twenty-one, who may have a disability and need special education and related services. If you know of a child in the Rocky River City School District with a suspected disability who is not presently, attending school or receiving services from another agency, please contact Tara Zbin, Executive Director of Pupil Services, at the Rocky River Board of Education 440.356.6006.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Rocky River City School District personnel will contact the parent/guardian to find out if the child needs to be evaluated for a suspected disability. Free testing is available to families to determine whether a disability exists. If a disability need is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate special education and related services.