Department Overview

Child Find is an evaluative process to address the federal mandate to locate, evaluate, and identify children who may have a disability and are eligible for funded services as identified in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Child Find's objective is to identify students, ages 3-21, who are not currently enrolled in public school and who may be eligible for special education services. These students include preschoolers, students attending private or parochial schools, or students receiving home-schooling.

Performance Measures

Communication: The community receives information about Child Find services through outreach activities, the CCSD website, and from calling and speaking with our pleasant and knowledgeable staff. Families receive a reminder phone call 72 hours prior to their scheduled assessment appointments and prior notices via U.S. mail of their MDT and IEP appointments.

Consistency: The Child Find technical support document, Fast FAQ, brochures, and Child Find support staff provide consistent answers to frequently asked questions.

Customer Service: Families/Guardians are surveyed after the MDT and/or IEP process is completed. Survey data informs decisions related to improved services.

Department Services

- Assessment of children, ages 3-21, not currently enrolled in public school.
- Initial Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) development for eligible students.
- Community Outreach to inform the public of our services (mailings, attendance at fairs, events, etc.).
- Connecting families with community resources.
- Working closely with Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) and Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) to get eligible children enrolled and attending school by 3 years old, preferably in an inclusion program.