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CHILD FIND

Child find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA '04) that requires Public Education Agencies (PEA) to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth through 21, located within their boundaries of responsibility who are in need of early intervention or special education services.

Arizona Department of Education Exceptional Student Services Policy assures the following:

- A. All students with a disability who are in need of special education and related services shall be identified, located, and evaluated
- B. A practical method shall be developed and implemented to determine which students are currently receiving needed special education and related services
- C. This policy applies to children, including highly mobile and migrant students, who are suspected of having a disability under §300.8 and in need of special education, even though they are advancing from grade to grade [34 CFR§300.111(c)]

CAFA Inc. encourages any parent who suspects their child may have a disability to refer your child by contacting our district office at 480-635-1900.

CAFA Inc. procedures for child find include the following provisions:

1. CAFA Inc. Schools will maintain documentation of the public awareness efforts conducted to inform the general public and parents residing within their jurisdiction, of the availability of special education services.
2. Screening activities will be implemented for all newly enrolled students and those transferring in without sufficient records.
3. The screening will be completed within 45 days of enrollment.
4. The screening will include consideration of academic or cognitive, vision, hearing, communication, emotional and psychomotor problems.
5. CAFA Inc. Schools will maintain documentation and annually report the number of children with disabilities within each disability category that have been identified, located and evaluated. The collection and use of data to meet these requirements are subject to confidentiality requirements.
6. CAFA Inc. Schools will refer children suspected of having a disability age birth through two years 10 months to the Arizona Early Intervention Program for evaluation and appropriate services.
7. CAFA Inc. Schools will refer children suspected of having a disability age two years 10 months through five years to the child's school district of residence for evaluation and appropriate services.