

## When should a child be referred?

Parents who contact Child Find may have concerns about:

- \* hearing or vision
- \* speech and language skills
- \* motor skills
- \* thinking skills
- \* emotional or social skills

Community members refer to Child Find when:

- \* a health or a medical disorder interferes with development and/or learning
- \* A child seems to have difficulty seeing or hearing
- \* A child appears to have social, emotional or behavioral difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn
- \* A child seems to have difficulty understanding directions typical for his or her age
- \* A child's speech is not understood by family or friends
- \* A child has difficulty with reading, writing, math or other schoolwork
- \* A child has a diagnosed progressive or degenerative condition that will eventually interfere or impede the child's ability to learn.

## Contact Information:

Amber Pryor  
Assistant Special Education Director  
Childfind Coordinator  
pryor-a@sc-boces.org

323 S. Purcell Blvd.  
Pueblo West Co 81007  
Phone 719-647-0023 ext. 120  
Fax 719-647-0136

# Child

# Find



South Central **booces**  
Board of Cooperative Educational Services



The Child Find Program is provided throughout the 12 school districts in South Central Colorado. Children ages 0 to 5 are screened and assessed through the SC BOCES. Child Find services for school age children are completed through their local school districts.

**“Children are our most valuable resource”**

Herbert Hoover 31<sup>st</sup> President

## WHAT IS CHILD FIND?

Child Find is the process of identifying and assessing children from birth to 21 years old who may have developmental delays, be at risk of having a developmental delay due to a diagnosed medical condition, or who have an educational disability. Our team may consist of an early childhood special educator, speech pathologist and school psychologist. We also provide audiological, motor and behavioral services as needed.

**Child Find provides developmental screenings and, when appropriate, comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluations**

**Child Find connects children and families to intervention services when it is appropriate**

**Child Find is mandated by law**

**Child Find is a free service**

## HOW CAN CHILDREN BE REFERRED?

**A referral may be made by anyone who has a concern about a child's development. Children may be referred by any of the following:**

- ✚ Parents/legal guardians/foster parent
- ✚ Physicians/health care providers
- ✚ Child care providers
- ✚ Community agencies
- ✚ Other family members
- ✚ Others who are concerned about a child's development

## WHY IS CHILD FIND IMPORTANT?

Child Find helps the child and the family to determine the need for services and links families to these services. For younger children, Child Find can reassure parents about their child's development. Child Find has the responsibility of helping hard to reach populations to connect to Child Find and eligible services in their area.