



The Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center, Inc. (CPAC)

is a statewide nonprofit organization that offers information and support to families of children with any disability or chronic illness, age birth through 26. The Center is committed to the idea that parents can be the most effective advocates for their children, given the confidence that knowledge and understanding of special education law and its procedures can bring.

In addition to its work with families, CPAC conducts presentations for schools, teachers in training and service providers throughout the state so they may better understand and serve the families with whom they work.

The Center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We welcome your calls and look forward to hearing from you.

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Additional Resources

Connecticut State Department of Education

Phone: 860-713-6910

Website: www.sde.ct.gov

Preschool Special Education

Maria Synodi (860) 807-2054

maria.synodi@ct.gov

State Education Resource Center (SERC)

Phone: 1-800-842-8678

Website: www.ctserc.org

Help Me Grow

Phone: 1-800-505-7000

Connecticut's Birth-to-Three System

Phone: 1-800-505-7000

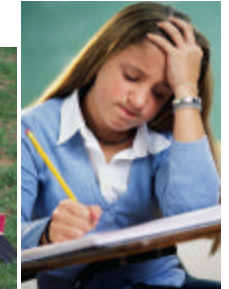
Website: www.birth23.org

Your Child's School Principal or Early Education Provider

School District Phone: _____

EC Provider Phone: _____

Child Find In Connecticut



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Is your family pediatrician concerned about your child's development?



Are you concerned that your child is falling behind in school?



Are you worried that even though your child is progressing from grade to grade, that he or she may need special education?

Is your child struggling with schoolwork each day?

Does your child seem to be at a different developmental level than his or her peers?

Does your child seem unable to focus?

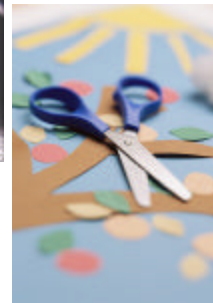


Do you simply feel that something isn't right in terms of your child's development or progress in school?



You know your child better than anyone.

If you find yourself worrying about the answers to these questions or think your child may need help in school through early intervention or special education services, Child Find can help ensure that your child is identified and evaluated in order to determine whether he or she is in need of special education and related services.



What is Child Find?

Child Find is a process, required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA 2004), to locate children, birth through 21, who may have a disability, and be eligible for early intervention or special education services.

Steps to Take if You Are Concerned about Your Child's Education

1. Contact the School

Call your local school's principal or Director of Special Education to arrange a meeting to discuss your concerns.

2. Meet

Meet with school staff and determine whether or not an evaluation is necessary or whether different intervention strategies should be tried.

3. Ask Questions

You are a vital and important part of your child's team. If you have any questions regarding the Child Find process, don't be afraid to ask them.



If you have any questions, contact
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