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Annual Child Find Notice

The Ashtabula Area City Schools participate in **Child Find** in an effort to locate and evaluate all children from three through 21 years of age who may have a disability. This includes children with disabilities who are homeless or are wards of the state and children with disabilities attending non-public schools within the boundaries of the District, who may be entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE), including special education and related aids and services, pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504).

Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as *hearing impairments, visual impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, mental retardation, speech and language disabilities, orthopedic and other health impairments, multiple disabilities, deaf-blindness, autism and traumatic brain injury.*

Although many school aged disabled children are identified and currently being served by the Ashtabula Area City Schools, preschool children ages 3-5, with disabilities may be unidentified because parents may not be aware that programs and services are available through the School District.

Community members can help us with this important effort. If you know of a child in our district with a suspected disability that is not presently attending school or receiving services from another agency, please contact Julie Fulton, Director of Special Education and Student Services at (440) 992-1204. 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 Help Me Grow: 2505 South Ridge Road East, Ashtabula, OH 44004, call (440) 224 - 2155 or 1-800-755-GROW (4769), or make a referral online at <http://refer.ohiocentralintake.org>

If you have additional questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the Ashtabula Area City Schools Director of Student Services office at (440) 992-1204.