

## EARLY INTERVENTION

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.

## PRESCHOOL

Ashtabula Area City Schools provides special education preschool age services for children ages three to five. This program includes an integrated setting where functional, developmentally appropriate activities are developed to facilitate growth for each child. For more information contact Michigan Primary School at (440) 992-1250.



## CONTACTS

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# Ashtabula Area City Schools

# CHILD FIND

*A SEARCH FOR  
CHILDREN WITH  
DISABILITIES  
(Ages 3 – 21 Years)*



## What is Child Find?

Federal, state, and local regulations require all Ohio schools to conduct annual Child Find activities. Child Find is the process of locating, evaluating, and identifying children with suspected disabilities who may be in need of special education and related services.

The Ashtabula Area City School District is obligated to locate and evaluate all children ages three through twenty-one, within the district, with suspected disabilities. Although many school aged children with disabilities are identified and currently being served in the district, preschool children, ages three through five, with disabilities may be unidentified because parents may not be aware that programs and services are now available through Ashtabula Area City Schools.

## What is the Purpose of Child Find?

To promote public awareness of disabilities

To alert parents, professionals and the public to children who may have special needs

To assist school districts in finding children who may have disabilities and who may not have otherwise come to their attention

To enable children and families to receive special education and related services that are needed.

## What Does a Disability Mean?

### UNDER IDEA

For ages three through five: A documented deficit in one or more of the following areas: communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social/emotional/behavioral functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills.

For ages five through twenty-one: A disability means such conditions as autism, deaf/blindness, multiple disabilities, deafness/hearing impairment, orthopedic impairment, visual impairment/blindness, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, intellectual disability, speech and language impairments, and other health impairments or traumatic brain injury.

### UNDER SECTION 504

In addition, and in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American's with Disabilities Act Amendment of 2008, AACCS is participating in Child Find efforts to locate, evaluate, and identify all children who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity who may, because of the disability, need or is believed to need special education, related services or accommodations/modifications. If a parent or guardian suspects that a child may be eligible under this federal definition, please contact the Director of Special Education and Student Services at (440) 992-1204.

## Who Can Help?

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are used to help school districts find any child, ages three through twenty-one, who may have a disability and need special education and related services. If you know a child in the Ashtabula Area City School District with a suspected disability who is not presently attending school or receiving services from another agency, please contact the Director of Special Education and Student Services and Section 504 Compliance Officer at (440) 992-1204.



## What Happens Next?

Ashtabula Area City School personnel will contact the parent/guardian to find out if the child needs to be evaluated for a suspected disability. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a disability exists. If a disability need is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate special education and related services.