

Child Find Initiative



What is Child Find?

Child Find is a component of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities aged three to 21 who are in need of early intervention or special education services. It is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation to locate, identify, and refer children as early as possible.

Care providers who contact Child Find may have concerns about a child's development in an individual area or multiple areas which could include:

Communication Skills
Cognitive Skills
Motor Skills
Daily Living Skills
Social/Emotional Skills
Vision
Hearing
Orthopedic Needs

Screening sessions are conducted every Tuesday at the Center for Developmental Services in Greenville County. Approximately 15-18 children are scheduled individual appointments. A "station" format is used and children rotate through the following screening stations as needed:

- 1 Vision
- 2 Hearing
- 3 Speech/Language
- 4 Developmental
- 5 OT/PT/OH

Once all Child Find screenings are complete, the parent/guardian is provided with a summary of results. These results are discussed along with any additional screening or evaluation needs.



Screening Vs. Evaluation

The Child Find appointment is a series of "screenings." A screening is a series of short tests and professional observations in various developmental areas. Children who demonstrate moderate delays in two or more areas, or significant delays in one or more areas in the screening process are asked to move on to receive an in-depth evaluation.

Evaluations are comprehensive tests and professional observations which may occur over a period of time. Children are not asked to participate in a comprehensive evaluation unless the screening process indicates a potential delay.

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What's Next?

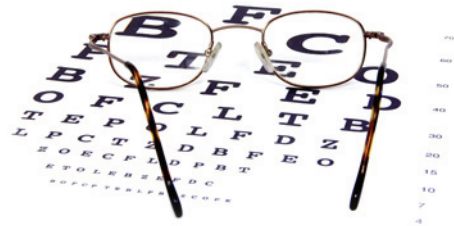
Special points of interest before your Child Find appointment.

- ✓ Help your child by ensuring they receive a good night's sleep and a healthy meal before their appointment.
- ✓ Make sure adults familiar with the functioning level of the child attend the appointment.
- ✓ Plan on allowing two hours for your appointment. The total time required will vary according to the needs of your child and that particular day.

Bring the following information to your appointment:

- State Birth Certificate
- SC Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency
- Medicaid Card (if applicable)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can schedule a Child Find appointment?

Parent, grandparents, doctors, teachers...anyone concerned about a child's development can schedule a Child Find Appointment. However, written permission from the parent or legal guardian is required for screening to be conducted.

How do I schedule a Child Find appointment?

Please call the Center for Developmental Services In-Take Office at 864-331-1302.

Who will screen my child?

The Child Find team consists of a variety of district personnel with expertise in their particular area of screening.

When will I know the results?

A summary will be given to you prior to your departure. You will be told if your child passed all screenings, needs to be rescreened, or needs to be referred for a comprehensive evaluation.

Where do I bring my child?

You will sign-in at the front desk of The Center for Developmental Services at 29 North Academy Street, Greenville, SC 29615.

Who do I call if I have questions or need directions?

Please contact our Child Find Clerk, Lisa Rampey, at 864-331-1428.

Child Find Screenings

- Hearing
- Vision
- Speech/Language
- Development (Self-Help, Motor, Cognition, Social/Emotional)
- OT/PT/OH (if appropriate)



Vision and Hearing
Follow-up appointments

Possible Outcome 1

Pass all
Screenings

No further testing.
May continue to
monitor.

Possible Outcome 2

Delay in
Speech
Only

Speech Only
Evaluation

- Referral is made to the Speech/Language department for an evaluation. A full or partial evaluation is determined based on previous evaluations.
- Eligibility is determined.
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) is completed when appropriate.

Possible Outcome 3

Delay in
Developmental
Only

Arena Assessment

- Referral is made for full evaluation.
- Members of evaluation team include: Preschool Psychologist, Preschool Speech/Language Pathologist, Preschool Consultant
- Optional members include: OT, PT, Vision, D/HH, Orthopedic

Possible Outcome 4

Delay in Speech
& Developmental

Multi-Disciplinary Team Meeting

- Team determines eligibility.
- Team completes IEP Plan if appropriate.

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