

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County/District Special Education Local Plan Area Announces: Child Find Project Seeks Children Needing Special Services**

Parents or friends who believe that a child may have a mental or physical disability can obtain assistance from the Tulare County Office of Education or their local school district. The **Child Find Project** is designed to identify children who may be in need of special education services and connect them with appropriate educational programs.

Special education services and programs are available in Tulare County for children with disabilities from birth through 21 years of age. Services are available for children with disabilities in speech, sight or hearing, and those with orthopedic or other health impairments, learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, behavior disorders, and those who are developmentally disabled.

The goal of the **Child Find Project** is to be sure that every child in Tulare County attends school and receives appropriate services. Child Find accepts referrals and screens children who may have a disability. The child is then referred to an appropriate educational program for evaluation

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and/or services. Assessments are provided at no cost to parents. Information is confidential and the privacy of children and parents are protected.

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak says, “The **Child Find Project** is an excellent way of notifying parents of extraordinary services and compassionate people here to help children who have disabilities.”

Additional information regarding special education services and programs may be obtained by calling the **Child Find Project**, Tulare County Office of Education at 730-2910, Ext 5125.

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