

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County Office of Education 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 the local school district through the Child Find Project. The program is designed to identify and assist children who may be in need of special education services.

Special education services and programs are available in Tulare County for children from birth to 21 years of age with a wide spectrum of disabilities. Services are available for children with disabilities in speech, sight, hearing; those with orthopedic or other health impairments, learning disabilities or behavior disorders; and those who are developmentally delayed or autistic.

The goal of the Tulare County Office of Education's Child Find Project is to be sure that every child in Tulare County attends school and receives appropriate services.

The Child Find office accepts referrals and screens children who may have a disability. The child is then referred to an appropriate educational facility for evaluation or services. This

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assessment is provided at no cost to the parent. Information is confidential and the privacy of children and parents is protected.

“In the past year alone, we have seen many advances both in technology and our ability to serve students with special needs,” states County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The Child Find project is one way for us to let the public know that there are many extraordinary people and services available to help children and families with special needs.”

Additional information regarding special education services and programs may be obtained by calling the Child Find Project, Tulare County Office of Education at 733-6317.

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