

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Child Find Program Seeks Children Needing Special Services**

Parents or friends concerned about the physical or intellectual growth of a child can obtain assistance from the Tulare County Office of Education through the Child Find Program. The program is designed to identify and screen 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 variety of handicaps. Services are available for youngsters with disabilities in speech, sight, hearing; those with orthopedic or other health impairments, learning disabilities or behavior disorders; and the more involved handicapped children such as severely developmentally delayed and autistic.

There are many handicapped children in California who are not receiving any kind of schooling. The Tulare County Office of Education's Child Find Project is seeking out all unidentified handicapped children in Tulare County in order to provide the most appropriate services and programs for their educational needs.

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“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 program is our way of letting the public know that there are many extraordinary people and services here to help.” Additional information regarding special education services and programs may be obtained by calling the Child Find Project, Tulare County Office of Education at 733-6307.

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