

# Greater Anaheim Special Education Local Plan Area

## Do You Know a Child with Special Needs?

### Special Education

#### What is Child Find?

The purpose of Child Find is to identify, locate, and evaluate children and youth ages 3 to 22 years of age who are suspected of having or have a disability or developmental delay, in order to provide appropriate special education services under the law.

#### When Should a Child Be Referred to Child Find?

A child should be referred when:

- A health or a medical disorder interferes with development and/or learning
- A child seems to have difficulty seeing or hearing
- A child appears to have social, emotional or behavioral difficulties that affect his/her ability to learn or interact with others
- A child has a diagnosed progressive or degenerative condition that will eventually impair or impede the child's ability to learn.
- A child seems to have difficulty understanding directions like others that are his/her age.
- A child's speech is not understood by family or friends
- A child has difficulty with reading, writing, math, or other school subjects

#### What is Special Education?

Special education is instruction designed to meet the unique learning strengths and needs of the individual student with disabilities from ages 3 to 22 years of age. It is defined as:

- Specially designed instruction
- At no cost to the parents
- To meet the unique needs of a child with a disability

Special education services may be provided in a variety of educational setting, but are required by IDEA to be delivered in the least restrictive environment.

#### Who is Eligible for Services?

A student must be evaluated and identified as having a disability to be eligible for special education programs and related services. The degree of the student's impairment must require special education. The disability categories are:

- Autism
- Hearing Impairment including Deafness
- Deaf-Blindness
- Emotionally Disturbed
- Language/Speech Disorder
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

#### How Can Children Be Referred?

A referral may be made by a parent or by any person concerned about a child. Parent involvement and agreement is obtained prior to any further action. Information is confidential and the privacy of children and parents is protected.

### District Contacts

**Anaheim Union High School District**  
(714) 999-3527

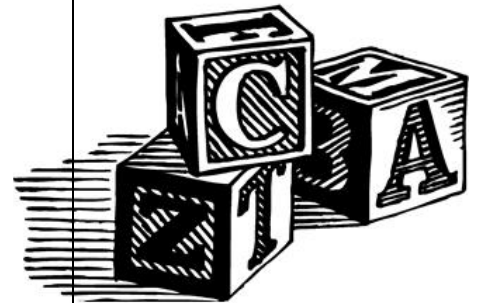
**Centralia School District**  
(714) 228-3142

**Cypress School District**  
(714) 220-6921

**Los Alamitos Unified School District**  
(562) 799-4700

**Magnolia School District**  
(714) 761-5533

**Savanna School District**  
(714) 236-3815



### Early Intervention

- *If the child is 3 to 5 years of age, contact your district of residence.*