

## What is Child Find?

=> Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 2004 that requires states and local education agencies to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities residing in that state, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services (34 CFR§ 300.111).

## What does "child with a disability" mean?

=> The term "child with a disability" means a child with mental retardation, hearing impairments (including deafness), speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness), serious emotional disturbances, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities, and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services (34 CFR§ 300.8).

## What do I do if I know of a child or adolescent who does not learn easily?

=> All individuals develop at their own pace but some have more difficulty than others. Identification and intervention can prevent failure and frustration. Special attention to teaching and learning strategies may help individuals overcome barriers to learning. Many times, these strategies can be provided through general education programs. If appropriate, an evaluation will be conducted by qualified school district personnel. The parents and evaluation personnel will have a meeting to talk about evaluation results and eligibility for special education and related services. It is important to identify and evaluate students in need of services as early as possible. Please do not delay if you believe there is a possible disability.

## Who can begin the Child Find process?

=> Anyone can start the process: parent, guardian, teacher, relative, friend, social worker, probation officer, police, medical and mental health professionals, other staff within Raceland-Worthington Independent Schools, or anyone else. If you know of a child in the Raceland-Worthington Independent School District who may be in need of additional educational services, please complete the form below and give this to any staff member or contact the Director of Special Education, Beckie Brown at 606-836-0464. Special education evaluations and services are provided through the local school district.

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## Child Find Documentation

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of suspected need: \_\_\_\_\_

Has there been an IEP or 504 plan in place at any time in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

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