

Child Find program seeks students with disabilities



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The Tallassee City School System is launching its annual campaign to assist children up to 21 years old who have disabilities or may need special services.

The campaign urges parents, service providers and concerned citizens to contact Child Find, a program to locate, identify and evaluate children with disabilities or children who are believed to have disabilities.

“Child Find is a statewide effort that is put together through the state department of education and department of rehabilitation services to identify and evaluate children who have disabilities,” said Lynell Carr, coordinator for Child Find. “Tallassee City Schools serves children from the ages of 3 to 21.”

If a young child needs assistance, a teacher will go into that child’s setting to assist with disabilities. “The special needs teacher may go to the child’s daycare to offer assistance or to the child’s home to offer that same assistance,” Carr said.

There are 13 different areas of disabilities in this program.

“Disabilities recognized by the State of Alabama include autism, deafness, blindness, developmental delay, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disabilities, speech and language impairment, traumatic brain injury and visual impairment,” Carr said.

If you have questions regarding the programs offered, or if you wish to refer a student, please contact Carr at (334) 283-5675 or Child Find (Alabama Department of Education) at 1-800-548-2547. A full range of services meeting the needs of all identified disabled students from pre-K through 12th grade is offered in all schools in the Tallassee City School System.

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