

# KIOWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## CHILD FIND PROGRAM

Child Find is a public awareness program designed to identify, locate and evaluate children ages 3 through high school graduation with a diploma, or through 21 years of age if necessary, who may have disabilities defined under the Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA) of 2004. A child with a disability means a child evaluated and determined eligible for special education and related services in accordance with the Policies and Procedures of Special Education in Oklahoma under the following categories:

**Autism**

**Orthopedic Impairment**

**Deaf-Blindness**

**Other Health Impairments**

**Hearing Impairment Including Deafness**

**Specific Learning Disability**

**Developmental Delay**

**Speech or Language Impairment**

**Emotional Disturbance**

**Traumatic Brain Injury**

**Intellectual Disabilities**

**Visual Impairment Including Blindness**

**Multiple Disabilities**

Developmental Delay category is defined as functioning one and a half standard deviations below the mean in two domains or two standard deviations below the mean in one domain. Domains involve the following categories: Cognitive, Communication, Social/Emotional, Adaptive and Physical. The category of Developmental Delay is for children ages 3 to 10.

A multidisciplinary team of professionals will be involved in the evaluation process. The eligibility team will determine the severity of the disability, and for school age children, if the disability adversely affects the child's educational performance. All eligible children with disabilities beginning at age 3, who are residents of Kiowa Public School District, have a right to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as mandated by IDEA.

Services for infants and toddlers (0 to 3) who are suspected of having disabilities are provided through the Sooner Start Early Intervention Program. If you suspect your infant or toddler has a disability, contact the Pittsburg County Sooner Start Program at 918-423-1267.

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