

If you suspect an infant, child, or young adult of having a developmental delay or disability, your school district can open a window of hope for a brighter future. Special Services are available to eligible infants, children, and young adults identified with a disability in one or more of the following areas:

- Orthopedic Impairment
- Auditory Impairment
- Visual Impairments
- Deaf-Blindness
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Emotional Disturbance
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech and/or Language Impairment
- Autism
- Other Health Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury



# The Typical Developmental Stages of a Child

## 3 months

Follows objects with eyes  
Responds to loud noises  
Makes cooing sounds  
Smiles

## 6 months

Knows familiar faces  
Plays with toes  
Babbles  
Sits with support

## 12 months

Pulls to standing position  
Crawls on hands and knees  
Places toys in bins  
Says a few words

## 18 months

Follows simple instructions  
Pulls off shoes & socks  
Walks without help  
Stacks blocks

## 2 years

Identifies parts of a face  
Recognizes pictures  
Says sentences  
Plays alone  
Runs

## 3 years

Rides a tricycle  
Opens doors  
Is toilet trained  
Hops on one foot  
Plays with other children



## Services Available for Ages 3-21

### The Process

Districts use information from a variety of sources to determine eligibility according to federal and state guidelines.

Services are developed by the Admission, Review, and Dismissal Committee, typically consisting of the child's parents, an educator, an administrator and someone involved with testing. Each program is individualized to meet the needs of each child.

# What is Child Find?

Child Find is a legal requirement for schools to find children who have disabilities and need services.

Identification is an important first step toward getting children the help they need to be successful in school.

Public schools in Texas provide for the special education of children who have a disability from ages 3 to 21, and in some instances beginning at birth.



For more information,  
contact the special  
education program at  
your local district or  
ESC Region 12 Child  
Find.

**Child Find Hotline:  
254-666-0911**

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can't  
always see  
a disability.  
Child Find can help.

