

Child Find

1. Each public education agency (PEA) shall be responsible for implementing an ongoing child find system to locate, identify, and evaluate children suspected of having a disability from ages 3 through 21 within each PEA's defined enrollment boundaries. The child find system includes all children as defined in 34 CFR §300.111.
2. Each PEA shall be responsible for making referrals to the Arizona Early Intervention Program for children from birth through age three.
3. Public education agencies may implement general education interventions and to the extent possible, resolve the area of concerns in general education programs, such as would take place in a screening for instructional purposes, in accordance with 300.302, before initiating a referral for an evaluation of a suspected disability in collaborative decision-making with a parent.
 - a. If a parent or guardian suspects that a child has a disability, the parent may at any time, inform the school in writing. The PEA then has 10 business days to acknowledge the request and to notify the parent or guardian in writing of the PEA's procedures **to follow up on a suspected disability**.
 - b. If a PEA suspects a child has a disability, it has 10 business days to notify the parent or guardian, in writing, of the suspected disability and the procedures **to follow up on the suspected disability**.
4. At any time a PEA, subject to prior written notice requirements and procedural safeguards, may take either of the following actions within a reasonable period of time:
 - a) deny the request
 - or
 - b) initiate a referral for an initial special education evaluation.