

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County/District Special Education Local Plan Area Announces: Child Find Project seeks children needing special services**

Parents or friends who believe that a child may have a disability can find help by calling the Tulare County Office of Education or their local school district. The **Child Find Project** is designed to identify children who may be in need of special education services and connect them with appropriate educational programs.

Special education services and programs are available in Tulare County for children with disabilities from birth through 21 years of age. Services are available for children with disabilities in autism, blindness or vision impairment, deafness or hearing impairment, speech, physical or orthopedic disability, learning disabilities, behavior disorders, intellectual disabilities or other health impairments.

The goal of the Child Find Project is to be sure that every child in Tulare County attends school and receives appropriate services. Child Find accepts referrals and screens children who may have a disability. The child is then referred to an appropriate educational program for evaluation and/or services. Assessments are provided at no cost to parents. Information is confidential and the privacy of children and parents is protected.

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak says, “The Child Find Project is an excellent way of notifying parents of exemplary services and compassionate people who are here to help children with disabilities.”

Additional information regarding special education services and programs may be obtained by calling the Child Find Project, Tulare County Office of Education at (559) 730-2910, ext 5120.

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