

Lighting the way for Children



Child Find
Yukon-Koyukuk School District
Fairbanks, Alaska

The Yukon-Koyukuk School District is planning its Fall Child Find activity. Members of the community will be able to take advantage of special education services for their eligible children who are between the ages of 3 and 21 years and disabled. The Child Find process serves as a screening to identify those children who may benefit from a special education referral. This is a free and confidential service.

Children who demonstrate the following disabilities would be eligible for special education support:

- Autism**
- Deafness**
- Deaf-Blindness**
- Mental Retardation**
- Emotional Disturbance**
- Hearing Impairment**
- Specific Learning Disability**
- Multiple Disabilities**
- Orthopedic Impairment**
- Other Health Impairment**
- Early Childhood Developmental Delay**
- Speech or Language Impairment**
- Traumatic Brain Injury**
- Visual Impairment**

Public schools are required to provide students with disabilities a “free and appropriate public education” (FAPE) beginning at age 3 years. This includes services from physical, occupational, psychological and speech therapists, if it is determined that the child is eligible for such service as defined by the Yukon-Koyukuk School District and State of Alaska eligibility criteria. A team of trained professionals will assist you in determining if a disability prevents your child from being successful in the pre-school or regular educational environment because of a deficit skill in vision, listening/hearing, reading, speaking, writing, understanding, attention, communication, etc.

Parents: If you think that your child may have problems with communication, learning, or skill development, contact the Yukon-Koyukuk School District Child Find Coordinator, Cristina Welker, at (907) 374-9430, to schedule a pre-referral conference, *or* refer to the Special Education teacher in your community.