# **CHILD FIND**

### A search to help all children with disabilities

Findlay Digital Academy is committed to the location, identification and provision of a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE), for all children between the ages of 3 and 22, having disabilities.

Location and referral of such children (Child Find) may be initiated by anyone with knowledge of the child and suspecting the child may have a disability. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, cognitive disabilities, mental retardation, emotional disturbance, other health impairments, physical impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury.

### What has Findlay Digital Academy Done?

Findlay Digital Academy has responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free appropriate public education regardless of a child's disability. Before the school can serve the children, they must be found. Through CHILD FIND, Findlay Digital Academy works:

- To promote public awareness of disabilities
- To alert parents, professionals, and the public to children who may have special needs
- To assist school districts in finding children who may have disabilities and who otherwise may not have come to their attention
- To enable children and families to receive the special education and related services that are needed

# What can YOU do?

If you know a child who may have special needs, help is available. Please make a phone call, then we, or the SST (State Support Team) will contact the parents of the child to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. Free testing is available to families to determine whether or not a special need exists. If a need is identified, the child can begin receiving the appropriate services.

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