

## Child Find

Child Find is a part of a federal law called the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that mandates schools to locate and identify children and youth ages 3-21 with suspected disabilities who may be entitled to special education services.

1) **Child Find-** MID will provide parents information on Child Find in the student handbook and on the MID website under the Exceptional Children's tab. MID will provide faculty and staff information on Child Find by printing information in the employee handbook to review annually with any existing and new staff members. MID faculty and staff will assist in the Child Find process in the following ways;

- If a faculty or staff suspects that a child may have a disability and that they would be entitled to receive special education and related services, they will consult with the EC coordinator at the school.
- If faculty or staff know of a child with disabilities who is not in school or receiving services/assistance they will:
  - Give the parent/guardian a copy of the Project Child Find brochure.
  - Educate the parent/guardian about the referral process and special education and related services that may be offered if the student is found to have a disability.
  - Encourage the parent/guardian to contact the school or EC Department to request an evaluation.

\* NCDPI Child Find Brochure link; <https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/policies/project-child-find/childfind-brochure.pdf>