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Jefferson County
Public Health Service

Child Find

**An Infant-Child
Health & Development
Assessment Program**



Child Find

A cooperative effort to ensure that all children will receive any assistance needed for the best growth and development.

Jefferson County Child Find involves collaboration between:

- Families
- Local health care providers
- Jefferson County Public Health Service
- Jefferson County Department of Social Services
- The NYS Department of Health

What is Child Find?

- A statewide program to ensure that all children achieve the best growth and development possible in the early years of life.
- Assistance for families of children aged 0-3, who have special needs, through early identification and referral to services in the community.
- Child Find involves no cost for qualifying families.

Who may refer to Child Find?

Children may be referred by any of the following:

- Parents/legal guardians
- Other family members
- Primary Care Providers
- Child care providers, with parental permission
- Community agencies



Jefferson County Public Health Service Will:

- Contact parents following referral
- Explain Child Find
- Offer support in the infant or toddler's care
- Provide referrals for any needed services available in the community
- Follow-up with parents and the child's healthcare provider to track the child's development

Who should be referred to Child Find?

- Infants born after a pregnancy of less than 33 weeks.
- Infants less than 3lbs., 4oz.
- Infants who spend 10 days or more in neonatal or special care units.
- Infants born to mothers less than 16 years old.
- Infants that did not receive prenatal care, or infants that have not received any well-baby care.
- Infants who are diagnosed with certain medical problems at, or shortly after birth, such as heart and respiratory problems.