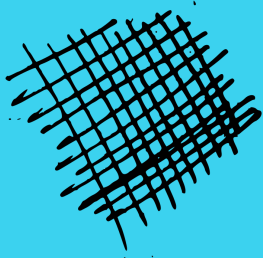


Top 5 Tips

For Child Find

1



Cast a Broad Net

Find children from the community, home school, private school, and within your school.

2



Understand Suspicion

The child find duty is triggered by a suspicion that the child has an IDEA disability and the need for special education. When the school suspects, DON'T DELAY.

3



Look at the Whole Child

Look at the child's skills across environments and domains. Be comprehensive in the review.

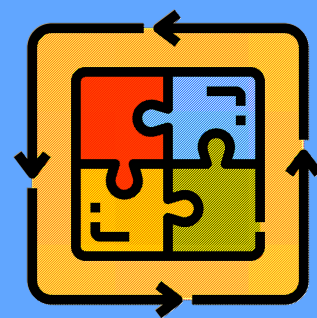
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Get Consent to Assess

When your child find efforts focus on a single student, get parental consent. If you conduct whole group screening, consent is not needed.

4



Collect Data

Use screening, interventions, and already existing information to determine if a comprehensive evaluation is needed.

Lessons 5 Learned

For Child Find

1



DO NOT Wait for Failure

When reviewing needs, concerns, assessments, discipline, or amendments, look at the whole child. Avoid a piecemeal approach to special education.

2



DO NOT Delay

Once you have a suspicion of an IDEA disability and the need for special education, the school MUST propose and evaluation. An initial evaluation must be conducted within 60 days from consent.

3



Be Responsive

Lack of progress is a warning sign. No or slow progress in the classroom or in interventions should trigger a much closer review of the student.

4



Seek Experts When Needed

If additional expertise is needed to determine eligibility and the student's educational needs, it is the responsibility of the district to arrange, transport, and pay all associated costs.

5



Dig Deep on Mental Health

Mental illness, behavior crisis, suicide attempts, and hospitalizations may result in a mature child find obligation.