

Child Find Activities: Pre-Referral

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Mandated Agency Responsibilities for Child Find

All provider agreements with child-serving state agencies, organizations, and individuals will stipulate requirements to participate in training about how to make a referral to IDEA/Part C.

IDEA/Part C State Office Responsibilities

IDEA/Part C State Office will develop materials for mandated child find agencies and organizations.

Content will include, but not be limited to:

- State eligibility criteria.
- When and how to make a referral.
- Resources for developmental screening.
- Basic components of early intervention services in South Carolina.
- Responsibilities of the IDEA/Part C Central Referral Team and Intake Coordinator.

Information will be delivered by either IDEA/Part C State Office, at monthly local early intervention system meetings and/or by appropriate other methods (e.g., online). IDEA/Part C State Office will provide partners with county-level data comparing IDEA/Part C enrollment to national targets on a bi-monthly basis to assist with targeting agency training efforts by location.

In addition to mandated Child Find agencies (Appendix A) IDEA/Part C State Office will collaborate with other primary referrals sources (Appendix B) to identify all potentially eligible children, including traditionally underserved populations. IDEA/Part C State Office will either disseminate materials or provide information to primary referral sources.

Reporting Child Find Activities

Child-serving agencies choosing to incorporate IDEA/Part C Child Find activities in their business practices will maintain documentation of such activities, to be made available upon request by the Lead Agency.

This documentation should include:

- Child Find activities performed.
- Target audience.
- Tools used.
- Location and date of activity.

Appendix A: Mandated Child Find Agencies

Early Intervention Service (EIS) Providers

The South Carolina Children's Trust:

- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visitation Program
- Family Violence Prevention and Services

The South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs:

- County Boards of Disabilities and Special Needs
- Private Qualified Providers of IDEA/Part C Services

The South Carolina Department of Education:

- Office of Special Education Services
- McKinney-Vento District Liaisons

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control:

- Maternal and Child Health
- Early Hearing and Detection
- Birth Defects Registry
- County Health Departments

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services:

- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
- Supplemental Security Income
- Children's Health Insurance
- Federally Qualified Health Centers

The South Carolina Department of Mental Health

The South Carolina Department of Social Services:

- Head Start programs
- Early Care and Education programs
- Child Protective Services
- Foster Care Services

The South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind

Appendix B: Primary Referral Sources

Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program

Domestic Violence Shelters: <https://www.domesticshelters.org/help/sc.south-carolina>

Neonatal intensive care units:

- Greenville Hospital, Greenville
- McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence
- Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Charleston
- Prisma Health Children's Hospital, Columbia
- Self Regional Healthcare's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Greenwood
- Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg

South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians

South Carolina Center for Child Care Career Development

South Carolina Chapter of American Association of Nurse Practitioners

South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

South Carolina Child Care Association

South Carolina Foster Parent Association

South Carolina Hospital Association

South Carolina Indian Development Council

South Carolina Nurses Association

South Carolina Obstetrical and Gynecological Society

South Carolina Early Childhood Association

Appendix C:

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