## **Child Find**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the American Disabilities Act Amendment Act (ADAAA) requires that all public schools have a "comprehensive child find system" to assure that all children who are in need of early intervention, accommodations and/or special education services are located, identified, and referred.

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and refer as early as possible, all young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of an early intervention program, accommodations or special education services.

To participate in an Early Intervention Program or receive special education services, a child must meet eligibility guidelines according to the IDEA. To be eligible for ADAAA protections, a child must have a physical or mental impairment that substantially interferes with one or more major life activities. Depending on the degree of the impairment, a student may or may not be eligible for Section 504 accommodations in the school setting.

Twin Valley Community Local School District actively seeks to locate, identify, and refer children from ages 3 to 21 who may require ADAAA protections or accommodations or special education and related services in order to assist them and their families in acquiring a free and appropriate public education. Anyone who may have a concern about a delay in a child's development or a child's disability that may interfere with learning or having access to learning are encouraged to contact their building counselor or the District Office at 937-839-4688.

Child Find for infants and toddlers is governed by the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention Services; therefore, children age birth to 3 who are or are suspected of having a development delay or a disability should contact Butler County Help Me Grow at 513-867-5960.