

# Colorado City Unified School District #14

325 North Cottonwood St.  
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## Child Find Screening

### What is Child Find?

It's a component of the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) that requires states to *locate*, *identify*, and *evaluate* all children with developmental delays or disabilities, age birth through 21, who may need early intervention or special education services.

### Who is responsible for Child Find activities?

Public Schools and the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) are responsible for 'finding eligible children.

### How is Child Find accomplished in our community?

For **infants and toddlers ages birth to 2 ½ years**, the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) is the primary agency, but the school district is responsible as well. Arizona has an intergovernmental agreement with Utah for The Learning Center for Families (TLC) of St. George to serve the families of Colorado City, Cane Beds, and surrounding areas. If families have concerns about a child's development they can contact either AzEIP or TLC directly at any time. TLC participates in quarterly Child Find clinics with The Preschool program. Families may also contact The Preschool for information about The Learning Center for Families. TLC professionals will meet with parents at the family's home or at the TLC office located at the Early Childhood Center.

**Preschoolers age 2 ½ to 5 years** are 'found' through Child Find services conducted by the school district at The Early Childhood Center. The Preschool sponsors quarterly Child Find clinics and also takes referrals from parents at any time. Screening includes vision and hearing as well as speech/language, cognition, motor, social/emotional, and self-help development. When screening results indicate potential delays, a comprehensive developmental assessment is recommended for determining the child's needs and establishing eligibility for services.

For **school-age children, kindergarten age through 21 years**, parents can contact the principal's office or the Special Education office directly to enquire about services or refer a student. Within 45 days of entry into school, the Special Education office screens every kindergarten student and every student entering the district for the first time. The screening focuses on learning behaviors and academics and is done through a questionnaire completed by classroom teachers. Vision and hearing screenings are done by the school nurse. Referrals are made as appropriate.

AzEIP Early Intervention Program	888-439-5609 or 602-532-9960	<a href="http://www.azdes.gov/azeip">www.azdes.gov/azeip</a>
TLC The Learning Center for Families	435-673-5353 or 928-875-8711	<a href="mailto:kevans@tlc4families.org">kevans@tlc4families.org</a>
El Capitan School	928-875-9000 or 928-875-9001	<a href="http://www.elcap.us">www.elcap.us</a>
Cottonwood Elementary	928-875-9050	
Cottonwood Preschool	928-875-9060	<a href="mailto:shirley@elcap.us">shirley@elcap.us</a>

