

## Scurry-Rosser ISD Child Find

- ▶ Early identification of children with disabilities is critical to the child's success in education.
- ▶ Child Find is a system which provides educational and related services to children from birth through age twenty-one years who have or are suspected of having a disability. If anyone suspects that an individual may have a developmental delay or a disability, evaluation and educational support, if warranted, is available.
- ▶ Special education services are available at no cost to the family for any eligible individual from birth through twenty-one years of age, regardless of the severity of the disability. Educational programs are individually designed to provide successful experiences and learning opportunities.
- ▶ Referral for assessment can be made by the parent, doctor, teacher, family member, or other concerned adult. Those who spend time with the child will be in the best position to recognize areas of concern.
- ▶ After the school district is notified of a concern, school personnel will meet with the child's parents or guardians to discuss the assessment process, explain procedural due process rights, obtain permission to assess, and complete necessary paperwork. The district's assessment team then evaluates the child's performance in a variety of areas. These results are presented to the parents in an Admission, Review, and/or Dismissal (ARD) meeting.
- ▶ If the ARD committee members conclude that the child qualifies for services, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) is developed and implemented to address the child's identified needs.
- ▶ The child's IEP is reviewed at least annually to discuss progress, determine if goals and objectives are still appropriate, and determine any changes needed in the program.
- ▶ Role of Elected District Officials
  - ▶ Complete required training regarding the Child Find process and procedures
  - ▶ Support procedures that provide compliance with state or federal Child Find guidelines
  - ▶ Perform other duties as necessary to maintain and support Child Find efforts and requirements
- ▶ Contact Heather Jestis at the Special Programs office if you have questions about the Child Find process.