## KAF CHILD FIND One Child At A Time...

Why isn't my child sitting, standing, walking?

Is he learning like other children his age?

Why can't anyone understand what she is saying?

Is my child's hearing and vision normal?

Why doesn't he play with other children?

Why does she hit, scratch, and bite other children?

Should I be concerned with his development?

Where can I get the help I need?

KAF Head Start/Early Head Start can help you get the answers you need. KAF's efforts in Child Find assist families with children with disabilities.

Child Find is a federal, state, and local initiative under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to locate children with special needs that interfere with learning



our-year-old Jenny watches as Danny, a classmate, carefully traces his hand with a neon-green marker.

> Jenny's arms end at her elbows.

Wanna borrow my hand?"
"That's okay," Jenny says.
"I'll just use my own."

both trace their hands together.

Increasingly, this is becoming a typical scenario as Head Start programs are reaching more children with significant disabilites.

That is the purpose of this guide, which is written for all early childhood staff, parents, and consultants: to support their efforts to include children with disabilites and their families in the various worlds around them.

## Kids Are First, Inc. Centers

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> LBJ HEAD START 590 Linares St. Eagle Pass, TX 78852 (830) 757-4425

ROSITA VALLEY HEAD START 811 Rosita Valley Road Eagle Pass, TX 78852 (830) 757-4432

LAS COLONIAS HEAD START (830) 758-0757 2494 El Indio Hwy Eagle Pass, TX 78852

SECO MINES HEAD START 2917 Sanchez Ave. Eagle Pass, TX 78052 (830) 758-0871 Do you have questions about your child's development?

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**CHILD FIND** 

families by easing the transition into, through, and out of the program. We work with the public school, early intervention, and child care agencies.

Individualization - KAF individualizes for each child by recognizing and planning activities according to the preferences, interests, and needs of each individual child. KAF treats each child as a unique individual in an inclusive environment that supports their individual ronment that supports their individual needs and abilities.

Related Services - KAF will provide or assist with special education related services like speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, audiology, Psychological services, and assistive technology needed to meet the goals of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) or the Individual Familion Plan (IEP) or the Individual Familin Service Plan (IFSP).

Referrals - If you suspect or know of a child who may have a disability or other challenging impairment please contact:

Kids Are First, Inc.

2926-978 (088)

Disability/Mental Health Coordinator

## KYE CHILD FIND

KAF's Child Find goal is for greater community awareness of children with disabilities and to help get services for their needs with the following:

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Health Impairments
Intellectual Disabilities
Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
Speech/Language Disorders
Vision or Hearing Concerns
Orthopedic Impairments
Cathopedic Impairments
Learning Disabilities

KAF serves children in an inclusive environment that is developmentally appropriate. KAF program provides or arranges for transportation, assistive technology, and supportive services to assist a child with disabilities. KAF partners with Local School Districts and Early Childhood Intervention and Early Childhood Intervention dren with disabilities in the least testinative environment.

Other Impairments

Traumatic Brain Injury

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Transition - KAF Head Start supports

our Mission



We believe children with disabilities and their families are valuable members of our communities, honored for their diversity, and uniqueness.

Providing quality services for children with special needs enrolled in Head Start/Early Head Start requires a committelationships among families, relationships among families, relationships among families, broviders, Head Start staff, Local Education Agencies, and other Community Partners.