



## **SC YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

### **ANNUAL NOTICE OF CHILD FIND**

Upon request, Youth Leadership Academy is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request of evaluation is known as a referral. When the school receives a referral, the school will appoint an Evaluation Planning team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The school locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in Youth Leadership Academy. This Child Find obligation is also fulfilled by the school's posting of this information in a public location (webpage and school entrance) at least annually.

A school staff member who reasonably believes a child may be a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child or a child advancing from grade to grade, to the school in which the child is enrolled. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability, may also refer the child, including a homeless child or a child advancing from grade to grade, to the school in which the child is enrolled.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting Angela Riddle, Special Education Coordinator, at 864-898-4511 or by writing her at 698 Concord Church Rd., Pickens, SC 29671 or by contacting Patsy Smith, Principal, at the same number and address.

#### **Public Dissemination:**

Child Find procedures can be found on the Youth Leadership Academy webpage [www.ylaofsc.org](http://www.ylaofsc.org) and are posted near the entrance to the school office.