

State Systems Follow-up Notes

Terminology:

Public Health Surveillance has been defined as the ongoing, systematic collection, analysis, and interpretation of data (e.g., regarding agent/hazard, risk factor, exposure, health event) essential to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of public health practice, closely integrated with the timely dissemination of these data to those responsible for prevention and control. (CDC; retrieved 06.28.10
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncphi/diss/nndss/phs/overview.htm>)

Follow-up: 1)the process of monitoring a person's health over time; 2)an act of renewing contact with sources of information and reviewing data needed to reinforce or evaluate a previous action or report, such as re-examination of an earlier diagnosis or prognosis; 3)some further action taken after a procedure is finished, such as contact by a health care agency days or weeks after a patient has undergone treatment;

(<http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/follow-up>; retrieved 06.28.10)

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 Early Intervention Program (Part C) or Preschool Special Education (Part B/619) services of the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#) .

(<http://www.childfindidea.org/overview.htm>; retrieved 06.28.10)

Referral: 1)a referring or being referred, as for professional service, etc.; 2)a person who is referred or directed to another person, an agency, etc.

(www.yourdictionary.com/referral; retrieved 06.28.10)

Communication across service systems: TBD

Time frame/continuum of care:

- Short Term Follow-up *is through* diagnosis
- **State System Follow-up starts with diagnostic confirmation.**
- **How long / to what age should a state systems model of follow-up be implemented?**

System Responsibilities:

- Follow-up
- Surveillance
- Communication across service systems
- Child Find
- Referral

What exists?

- Specific protocol(s) for systematically
 - getting data about the client/patient
 - contacting the family
 - assuring follow up
 - communication across service systems
- Activities for each
 - Surveillance
 - Follow-up
 - Communication

What do we need to know about each service system's follow up protocols to delineate models (or strategies within models) for consideration?