

What YOU Need To Do

Change is never easy, however, the transition from the early intervention system



Start early to prepare yourself for the next step in your journey

into your local school district can be a smooth one if you start early and are prepared. Begin talking to your service

coordinator when your child turns 2.

Here is where you can begin.

- Ask your service coordinator about transition. Ask what it means. Ask what happens.
- Make a request to start the transition process at least 9 months BEFORE your child's 3rd birthday.
- Ask what preschool programs are in your district.
- Talk to other families!
- Know or learn your rights.
- Don't be afraid to seek help and resources.

What Will Be Changing...

- Once your child leaves early intervention you will no longer have a service coordinator.
- The law that protects your rights changes from IDEA Part C (Early Intervention) to IDEA Part B (Special Education).
- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) will take the place of the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).
- You are an important member of the IEP team that will decide the services your child needs to help him/her learn.



Create a system for storing and organizing your child's records.

Take Time To Think About **YOUR** Vision for Your Child

You are the expert on your child. Know that you have a voice creating your child's educational program. Share your hopes and dreams for your child with the IEP team; this vision should be a large part of the program the IEP team creates for your child. When thinking about what your child's program should

include, focus on your child's individual needs. Take your time and use your vision to help you create specific goals you would like to see your child work toward. Think about high quality early childhood settings that serve all children.



Write YOUR Vision. Take notes during meetings. Write down the questions you want to ask. Try to stay organized.

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