

Wondering About ...

Transition from Early Intervention

When an infant or toddler who has received early intervention services turns three years old, they will transition from early intervention to early childhood special education. These services can occur in an early childhood or preschool program. The following resources will help you understand and prepare for the transition from early intervention.

Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

www.heartland.edu/heip

The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.

Planning Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool. Beach Center on Disability (2014).

http://www.beachcenter.org/wisdom_based_action/transition_to_preschool/default.aspx?JScript=1

This resource provides information on the transition process. Several videos are available explaining the transition process and how to plan for it.

Natural Environment and a Least Restrictive Environment - Why are they Important? Birth through 5 News. Vol. 5 No. 4. University of Connecticut (2004).

http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Early/preschoolSE/B5_Summer04.pdf

This newsletter has four different articles written about the importance of natural environments for children birth through age 5. One article is from a parent perspective and another from a provider perspective.

Entering a New Preschool: How Service Providers and Families Can Ease the Transitions of Children Turning Three Who Have Special Needs. by Donegan, M. et.al. FACTS/LRE.

<http://facts.crc.uiuc.edu/facts2/facts2.html>

Planning Your Child's Transition to Preschool: A Step-by-Step Guide for Families

by Chandler, L. et al. FACTS/LRE

<http://facts.crc.uiuc.edu/facts4/facts4.html>

These two resources provide step by step information on planning for the transition process.

When I'm 3, where will I be? A family transition workbook. Illinois State Board of Education. (2007)

http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/parents_pdfs/developmentalscreening.pdf

This handbook helps parents work through the transition from early intervention (birth - age 3) services and into early childhood special education services.

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