

Transition from Part C to Part B

Children below the age of 3 years who are receiving Early ACCESS services as outlined in Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) shall have an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).

At least 90 days prior to the child's third birthday or if earlier, the date on which the child is eligible for the preschool program under Part B of the Act in accordance with state law, the Early ACCESS, Part C service coordinator shall address any issues related to transition including:

- Describes how the family will be included in the transition plan.
- Notifies to the appropriate local education agency (LEA) in which the child resides.
- Convenes, with the approval of the family, a conference among AEA and LEA representatives, the family, and other relevant agencies. This conference shall have the following purposes:
 1. To review the child's program options for the period from the child's third birthday through the remainder of the school year (this may include consideration for extended year special education).
 2. To establish a transition plan.
 3. To assure that an Individualized Education Program is developed for those children continuing to be eligible for special education services.

The IFSP shall support the transition of the child to preschool services under Part B of the Act to the extent that those services are considered appropriate, or other services that may be available if appropriate.

Steps required shall include:

- Conducting discussions with, and training of, parents regarding future placements and other matters related to the child's transition.
- Establishing procedures to prepare the child for changes in service delivery, including steps to help the child adjust to and function in a new setting.
- With parental consent, transmitting information about the child to the local education agency to ensure continuity of services, including evaluation and assessment information and copies of the IFSPs that have been developed and implemented in accordance with Part C regulations.