



## Indiana's Transition Initiative for Young Children and Families

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Dear Community Library Partners,

On behalf of Indiana's Department of Education Division of Exceptional Learners, the Indiana Transition Initiative for Young Children and Families is excited to share with each library in Indiana the following resources:

Steps to Success: Transition at Age 3 (DVD)  
Transition to Early Childhood Special Education: A Guide for Parents of Children with Disabilities (booklet in English and Spanish)

These materials are excellent resources for families throughout Indiana who are preparing for and experiencing the exciting transition between First Steps (Indiana's program to serve families of children with developmental delays and disabilities) and Early Childhood Special Education services (which are available to families through their local systems). These resources also benefit the many professional and community members who support families experiencing this transition. It is our hope that you will add these resources to your collection of materials and make them available for checkout.

The Indiana Transition Initiative for Young Children and Families is dedicated to supporting children birth to age 8 and their families (and the professionals that serve them) as they experience the myriad transitions of early childhood. Recent activities related to this effort include the creation of child-focused resources for the transition to preschool and kindergarten. At our website, [www.indianatransition.org](http://www.indianatransition.org), you will find a list of children's books focusing on these transitions and examples of resource bags addressing these transitions. Our initiative is interested in partnering with libraries to share with families local activities including dedicated storytimes that address these issues. When you plan such activities, please share the announcements with us so we can include them on our website and share with Transition Teams in your community.

Announcements of events, inquiries about other partnering opportunities and suggestions can be sent to: Mary Jo Paladino  
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We look forward to partnering with you to serve Indiana families experiencing transitions and the many professionals who support those transitions.

Sincerely,  
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